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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/17/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/4, 15, 16/40	REPORT MADE BY R. H. LODGIN
TITLE SANFORD GRIFFITH			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SANFORD GRIFFITH, Huntington, Long Island, left briefcase overnight at Champlain Restaurant, NYC. Examination of contents reveals memorandum of interview had by Subject with propaganda agents, **MATHIAS SCHMITZ**, and **F. E. AUGEN**; also clippings found from newspapers dealing with the Dies Committee, Fifth Column activities, and propaganda matters. **GRIFFITH** held Major's Commission in Army Intelligence Unit during last World War; presently President of **MARKET ANALYSTS, INC.**, a research bureau concerned with economic matters. He has been connected with the New York Herald newspaper as foreign correspondent in Rome and Berlin; was formerly partner in brokerage firm, that was suspended for illegal violation of exchange rules. [redacted] to the New York Office on prior occasions in espionage matters.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call received from Detective **GLEASON**, New York City Police Department, Station #18, located between Seventh and Eighth Avenues on 47th Street. **GLEASON** advised that a briefcase containing suspicious material had been found in

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a restaurant on West 49th Street, New York City. He requested that an agent contact him or Detective SEIDEL on the following day, which was July 4, 1940. Accordingly the writer proceeded to the above Station, and was met by Detective BLANARD SEIDEL, Special Squad, Number One, New York City Police Department.

SEIDEL advised that the briefcase had been found by the Manager of the Champlain restaurant who had become suspicious of its contents, and telephoned the Police Station. The bag was picked up by a member of the force, and its contents examined at Station Number 18. The proprietor of the restaurant stated to SEIDEL that the owner of the bag had telephoned him about 11:30 p.m. on July 3, 1940, and instructed him to keep the case. He also informed the manager that he would call for it on July 4, 1940, at approximately 10:00 a.m. The proprietor did not advise the owner that the briefcase had been turned over to the police.

The case, upon examination by the writer, was found to contain approximately seven or eight hundred pages of pencilled and typewritten notes. The pencil notes were almost illegible since they were smudged from constant handling, and were written in a poor handwriting. Most of the notes seemed to be concerned with financial matters, and bearing on trade and market problems. The owner, to all appearances, was interested in this subject as there was also found an unbound publication edited by the National Resources Committee, entitled, "The Structure of American Economy", Part One. Further examination disclosed enumerable newspaper clippings referring to the Fifth Column, the Dies Committee, the recent Republican National Convention, and other articles mentioning German propaganda methods, and activities.

Among these clippings was found one which was dated March 27, 1939, that reported Major SAMFORD GRIFFITH had spoken before the Syracuse, New York Gyro Club, and had made an address over Radio Station, WSYR the same date at 5:45 p.m. This article was headed, "World War Spy Visits Syracuse", "Says Europe Not Ready to Fight". The article deals mostly with GRIFFITH's opinions upon European conditions that existed at that time. It was stated that GRIFFITH was in the United States Intelligence Service in the first World War, and had served overseas where he had perfected an effective technique for questioning German prisoners. The name of the newspaper carrying these items was not given.

Several chargeout slips were found from the New York Public Library signed by S. GRIFFITH, Huntington, Long Island. The books

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listed on these slips were as follows:

BEWARE OF ENGLAND
POLITICAL PROPAGANDA
ALLIED PROPAGANDA IN THE WORLD WAR

A memo was found stating that the writer was acquainted with CLIFF REEVAST and WILLIAM LAWRENCE of the United Press organization. This memo lists a number of individuals, presumably members of the United States Senate or United States House of Representatives, who are Pro-Allied in sympathy. This latter information is indicated as coming from the United Press sources quoted above.

Further examination resulted in the discovery of notes on an interview had by the author with Doctor FRIEDRICH E. AUHGEN on May 28, 1940. AUHGEN is mentioned as a German Agent in the United States and a collaborator of WESTRICKS. In this interview AUHGEN outlines very briefly German economic policies and plans for the future.

Another set of notes reports the author's interview with Dr. MATEAIS SCHMITZ, who, it is intimated is the Administrative Head of the German Library of Information, New York City, and the author of "Facts in Review", a German Propaganda pamphlet. This memorandum lists the name of BOURCHER, who probably from the context, is associated with the same organization. The context deals with SCHMITZ' remarks, most of which deplore the attitude which Americans are taking regarding Germany and its part in the present conflict. SCHMITZ is reported by the writer to be very disturbed by the tightening up of American opinion against Nazi activities.

He mentioned specifically an article that appeared in Liberty magazine which charged that Number 19 Battery Place, New York City was a nest of spies. Another article which he thought very unjust was an editorial that appeared in the New York Times on April 22, 1940. Both of these articles, according to SCHMITZ, were biased and unfair in the extreme. SCHMITZ went on to inform the author that the German Library of Information's purpose was to keep Americans posted on German news, and that it was not acting as a propaganda organ.

He also advised that he was not in favor of expending money to propagandize High School and College students since he felt that they reflected the opinions of their families, and did very little reasoning

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of their own.

At the end of the interview, SCHMITZ remarked that he had a thankless job because people in Germany were unable to understand American Psychology.

Other articles found of apparent significance are as follows:

1. Notes on the German American Board of Trade and the German American League for Culture. These notes were very sketchy and their interpretation was impossible.

2. Notes on foreign policies and views of various United States senators.

3. A letter to "Sandy", unsigned, setting out the fact that the writer had an interview with FLETCHER of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

4. Letter from GEORGE SYLVESTER VIENECK, 305 Riverside Drive, New York City to SANFORD GRIFFITH, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City, dated April 11, 1940. This letter refers to previous correspondence or conversations had with GRIFFITH in which GRIFFITH stated that Isolationists Factions in the United States were stooges. The letter attacks GRIFFITH for this statement and sets out VIENECK'S reasons for believing this stand to be false.

5. Memorandum to Mr. MORGAN dated July 3, 1940, setting out the fact that the Republican Convention platform Committee had gone into market analysis rather thoroughly. The writer also mentions that he received a memorandum from LILLY CASTLE.

6. Pencil note of the name "EICHELBREINLI".

7. Memorandum headed, "Super American-Patriot-Pro-Nazi Propagandists" as follows:

James True.

1. President, America First, Inc., National Press Bldg., Washington
2. Invented "Patented Kiko-Killer"
3. Connected with "The Awakeners"

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4. Connected with "Militant Christians", P.O. Box 245, Chicago
5. Peddles the protocols and anti-semitic pamphlets
6. James True Associates, Inc. National Press Bldg. Washington, - anti-semitic service,
7. Reported repeatedly to have German propaganda connections.

Robert E. Edmundson

1. Publisher anti-Semitic booklets and distributor Nazi propaganda.
2. Publishes "Edmundson's Economic Service", 84 Washington St., New York City.
3. Writes for "The Awakeners" at Highland-on-the-Hudson.
4. Writes for "Militant Christians" which publishes and distributes anti-Jewish pamphlets.
5. Publishes "American Vigilante Bulletin".
6. Active in Newport Historical Association
7. For a long time distributed pamphlets sent from Germany, notably "World Service" - Hamburg.
8. Recently ill in Catskills, but still sends out heavy propaganda mail, mostly from his home at Stroudsburg, Pa.

LAMPHEAR DUCK, Superintendent of the Office Building, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City, Room 304, stated that SAITORD GRIFFITH is a sub-tenant of the firm of MILLER, FRANKLIN & BASSET, Accountants and Engineers, who have been located in the building for the past twenty years. FRED A SMITH is the President of this firm and DUCK believes, from conversations had with him that he is not overly friendly with GRIFFITH. He told DUCK on one occasion that he was planning to terminate GRIFFITH'S tenancy. He gave no reason for this stand. DUCK stated that he believed SMITH would be a reliable individual to contact for information even though the owners of the building at the present time were planning to cancel his lease for non-payment of rent.

DUCK went on to say that possibly GRIFFITH was the head of Market Analysts, inasmuch as SMITH had requested this name placed on the directory soon after GRIFFITH moved into the building. He was unable to offer any further information.

Mr. R. A. SICKLES of DUN & BRADSTREET, 290 Broadway, New York City, made the file available on the individual listed, subject GRIFFITH, and the following information was obtained:

MILLER, FRANKLIN & BASSET COMPANY, INC., Room 1208, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City was a holding company chartered under the laws of New York December 1, 1916, having moved to New York City from Boston where they had conducted a similar business since the year 1902. The firm controls the subsidiary of MILLER, FRANKLIN & COMPANY, INC., which specializes in office management and industrial relations. It also controls the firm of MILLER FRANKLIN BASSET COMPANY (not Inc.) which specializes in accounting and tax work. The firm carries fifteen employees on the payroll. The officers of the parent company are FREDERICK A. SMITH, President, WILLIAM J. HINSON, Vice President and Treasurer, and the Directors are the officers with MORRIS D. FOSTER.

Regarding MARKET ANALYSTS, INC., 347 Madison Avenue, Room 1208, the DUN & BRADSTREET files reflect that this concern deals with research matters and acts as export agents. The report giving this information is dated December 16, 1939. The officers are SANFORD GRIFFITH, President, L. ROSE WALTER, Vice President, RICHARD SADLER, Secretary-Treasurer. The firm was chartered under the laws of New York on October 24, 1933, with a capital of \$11,000.00. The following information is listed regarding SANFORD GRIFFITH.

Age 46; birthplace, United States; marital status, widower. Former positions - (a) Foreign Correspondent for the New York Herald newspaper in Rome, Italy and Berlin, Germany (b) Correspondent for the Wall Street Journal in London, England - (c) DILLON READ & COMPANY, and OTIS COMPANY, stockbrokers, New York City - (d) 1931 was a member of the firm of STOCKS, HOLT & COMPANY, brokers, 1 Wall Street, New York City - (e) 1933-1938 partner in the firm of THOMAS, STORY & GRIFFITH, 120 Broadway, New York City.

The firm of THOMAS, STORY & GRIFFITH discontinued operations in 1933 after the New York Stock Exchange suspended its operation for peddling customers securities for its own account and for other violations of the Exchange rule. T. GAYLOR THOMAS, II, and BERNARD F. TOOLE, members of the firm were both suspended by the governing committee because of the above acts which acts were attributed directly to SANFORD GRIFFITH. THOMAS and TOOLE were declared to be innocent of any guilty knowledge of violations charged, but were held responsible under

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the constitution.

L. R. LATTER, the Vice President of the firm was formerly Advertising Manager of the SLINKOFF COMPANY, New York City, and is presently associated with ROTAL SURVEYS, Ithaca, New York, and also associated in a limited capacity with the Agricultural College in that same city. The firm acts as general research specialists and has done work for the New York World's Fair in 1939, The National Broadcasting Company, The Columbia Broadcasting Company, and several industrial corporations quite recently. They have become export agents for the AXELSON MACHINE COMPANY of Los Angeles, California, HERTON & SON, manufacturers of Chucks, Windsor, Connecticut, and the PENN RIVET COMPANY, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Regarding the firm of THOMAS & GRIFFITH, stockbrokers, 120 Broadway, New York City, the file reflects that GRIFFITH was admitted as a general partner in 1936. Prior to that time the firm had been in operation for four years, and upon GRIFFITH'S entry, CLARA M. TORREY, who is also a general partner, terminated her connection with the firm. The financial statement incorporated in the file showed that the firm had cash on hand of approximately \$72,000.00 and held securities in the amount of \$69,000.00. The capital was listed as \$101,000.00, and the aggregate value of THOMAS' and TORREY'S seats on the Stock Exchange were listed as \$125,000.00.

At the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, the writer ascertained from Miss ELIOT, that SANFORD GRIFFITH resided at Conklin Lane, Huntington, Long Island, and has resided there since 1930; that he was divorced from his wife, whose maiden name was KATE BEECH BENNETT; that he owns his own home which was valued at approximately \$10,000.00. The divorce was secured, according to a clipping, in the New York Times dated September 15, 1934, at Reno, Nevada. This same article stated that the marriage ceremony had been performed in London, England, April 14, 1924; further that three children had been born as a result of the marriage. Mention is made of the fact that GRIFFITH served as a Major during the World War, and acted as a member of the Armistice Commission. In April, 1937, GRIFFITH was using the Chemical Bank of New York City for his personal account.

ALPHONSE LORE, Proprietor of the Champlain Restaurant, 115 West 49th Street, New York City, residence, 300 West 49th Street, New York City, upon interview, stated that he had no opportunity to observe the individual who left the briefcase in his restaurant,

but that he had received a call at 11:25 p.m. on July 3, 1940, inquiring if he had found the bag. He replied in the affirmative, and was requested to keep it in his custody, and was told that the owner would call for it on July 4, 1940, at about 10:00 a.m. Prior to the above conversation, which was carried on in French, he called Police Station #18, and released the briefcase to them after he had examined its contents and found the newspaper clippings relating to propaganda activities. However, he did not inform the owner of the briefcase that he had taken this action at the time he received the telephone call.

The writer returned the bag to LORRE and requested that he obtain the name of the individual who called for it. At 10:30 a.m. on July 4, 1940, the agent observed an individual, who called and requested that the bag be turned over to him. He is described as follows:

Age	47 to 50 years
Height	5' 10"
Weight	175 lbs.
Build	Medium heavy, broad hips
Hair	Brown, turning grey at the temples

This individual advised LORRE that his name was SANFORD GRIFFITH and produced a membership card in the American Legion to identify himself. This conversation was carried on in French. GRIFFITH apparently was not the least bit nervous, and conducted the conversation in a leisurely and unhurried manner.

ERLAND BORD, waiter at the Champlain Restaurant, residence 6107 Woodside Avenue, Woodside, Long Island, stated that he remembered the individual who left the briefcase quite well. The party consisted of two men and two women. The women were aged approximately forty-seven and twenty-eight years, and the older one had white hair, and was rather stout, while the younger woman was dark complexioned. The latter spoke German and English, while the former spoke English only. The two men, one of whom was apparently GRIFFITH from BORD'S description, spoke English, French and German. GRIFFITH'S male companion was about thirty-two years of age, 5' 10" tall, had brown hair, and weighed 160 lbs. BORD felt certain that he must have been of French extraction inasmuch as he spoke the language without a trace of accent. BORD overheard only a portion of the conversation which was

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concerned with musical topics. He did recall that he had asked GRIFFITH if he did not wish to check the briefcase, and in addition remembered that the hat check girl also asked GRIFFITH the same question. In both instances, GRIFFITH refused although the rest of the party did check their hats and coats. The bag was placed under the bench beside their table where it was subsequently discovered at closing time by the management.

RAYMOND H. LACLAIR, Postmaster, Huntington, Long Island, New York, was contacted, but stated that he was not personally acquainted with GRIFFITH. He in turn questioned several of the clerks and carriers, and although several stated that they would be able to recognize GRIFFITH at sight, none was well enough acquainted with him to give any information concerning his activities. The Postmaster suggested that Mr. L. A. WELLS, a retired rural mail carrier, since September, 1939, be contacted as he felt that he would know GRIFFITH because he had covered his route for a number of years.

WELLS, upon interview, advised that GRIFFITH had lived in Huntington, Long Island for the past fifteen years; that his wife was dead, and that he had a family of two boys and one girl, aged eleven, thirteen and nine years respectively. These children lived with the father on Conklin Lane, Huntington, Long Island. Mr. WELLS was unable to give further information concerning the Subject, but stated that to the best of his knowledge, GRIFFITH never entertained guests at his home, and that he did not mix with any of the other residents of Huntington. He felt that this was due to the fact that GRIFFITH was away most of the time.

Subject, according to WELLS enjoys a good reputation in the community, and he had never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning his character or habits. WELLS was requested to furnish the name of a reliable informant in the vicinity of GRIFFITH'S home. In response, he suggested that agent contact FRANK VAN HAVEN, a personal friend of his who is employed as a gardener and superintendent for a real estate development in the Huntington vicinity. He pointed out that VAN HAVEN lives about an eighth of a mile from GRIFFITH, and that he could be thoroughly trusted to keep the matter confidential. However, it was his opinion that VAN HAVEN would not have further detailed information that would be of value in the present investigation.

An attempt was made to contact this individual, but the writer was unable to locate him at home.

WELLS also suggested the name of BARBARA MARKSO, a girl formerly employed as a servant by SANFORD GRIFFITH. He stated

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that he could not recommend her integrity in an unqualified manner inasmuch as he was not too well acquainted with her. It was his opinion, however, that she could be trusted in the matter. She was not interviewed at this time due to the fact that it was thought best to limit the number of persons that would be aware of the fact that GRIFFITH was under investigation.

A search of the index files of the New York Office disclosed that [] had furnished information on May 4, 1940 to Special Agent [] concerning several individuals, who [] stated, were possibly engaged in espionage activities. This memorandum is contained in New York File []. In the body of the memorandum Special Agent [] states that he is personally acquainted with GRIFFITH, and further that GRIFFITH is engaged at the present time in propaganda activities, the nature and type of which are not mentioned. b7D

Special Agent [] New York City, advised he [] by GRIFFITH for approximately one month prior to the time he entered []. At that time GRIFFITH was doing industrial research work and was thinking of organizing MARKET ANALYSTS, INC. He informed Agent [] that he was engaged in propaganda work, but did not mention his connections or the reason for performing work along this line. It is thought that he might possibly be collecting material for a book, that he intends to write. It was Agent [] opinion that GRIFFITH was no longer connected with the Army Intelligence Service. He pointed out that he could not say definitely that GRIFFITH was not engaged in espionage work at the present time. b6 b7C

Agent [] stated that he would contact GRIFFITH at an early date and attempt to determine the purpose for his collection of propaganda material. He felt that he could do this without arousing suspicion as he dropped in GRIFFITH'S office on several occasions in the past for visits of a friendly nature.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION at New York City, will obtain results of Special Agent [] interview with GRIFFITH. Will consider the advisability of conducting further investigation in the instant matter. b6 b7C

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 30, 1940

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Mr. Nathan	
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Mr. Egan	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 4 1940
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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[redacted] telephoned [redacted] This is the individual who was in to see Mr. Tracy several weeks ago and left considerable material pertaining to American activities. He was advised by Mr. Tracy at that time that in the future he should contact the [redacted] and furnish them with whatever information he might possess.

[redacted] when he called today stated that he desired to furnish the following information and suggestion to Mr. Tracy and finally consented to talk to the writer in Mr. Tracy's absence. He advised that Sanford Griffith, who is the head of a firm styled as Market Analysts, 343 Madison Avenue, New York City, has been handling publicity work for the French Consul and the French Information Service in New York in connection with the French exhibit at the World's Fair. [redacted] advised that Griffith is a former Major in the Army Intelligence Service and [redacted] believes that [redacted] is loyal to the American Government. According to [redacted] Griffith has at various times in the past been contacted by an individual named W. L. Nederhoef, 52 Vanderbilt, New York City, who is allegedly a free lance publicity man. Nederhoef, according to [redacted], has been working very closely with the German Embassy in Washington and with the German Railway Information Bureau and German Library of Information in New York City and has told Griffith that when diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany are severed, Nederhoef will be the one who will take over all the work presently being done by the German Railway Information Bureau and the German Library of Information as these latter two will be discontinued when war is declared. [redacted] stated that Nederhoef has furnished Griffith with considerable information from time to time and [redacted] is sending down this material by mail in the morning.

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After furnishing the above background, [] stated that the purpose of his call was to inform the Bureau that Nederhoef had told Griffith that he was coming down to Washington on Tuesday and would be staying at the Willard Hotel and that while he was down here he would like to talk with some one "over there" (meaning from the German Embassy). [] did not know what Nederhoef wished to discuss with some one from the German Embassy and stated that Griffith had merely stated that from what he could gather Nederhoef merely wished to make contact with the Embassy. [] suggested that the Bureau might wish to have an Agent interview Nederhoef Tuesday, using the pretext that the Agent was connected with the Embassy and ascertain just what Nederhoef has on his mind. b7D

I informed Colonel [] that from the information which he furnished to the effect that Nederhoef has been working closely with the German Embassy in Washington, it did not appear logical that he did not know whom to contact there when he comes to Washington and, therefore, I could not understand the reason why Nederhoef would tell Griffith that he wanted to make such a contact. [] stated that he could not explain this either, but went on to state that he just wanted to pass this information on to the Bureau with the above suggestion. [] stated that in the event the Bureau decided they might want to follow his suggestion, he could be reached in the morning at his office or that Griffith could be called direct to make the necessary arrangements. Griffith's home is at Huntington, Long Island, telephone number 2023. I informed [] that I would submit this information to the proper official in Washington who was handling such matters in the Director's absence. b7D

The files with reference to Griffith and Nederhoef are being checked and a separate memorandum is being prepared relative to the information contained therein.

Respectfully,


C. E. KLEINKAUF

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TITLE SANFORD GRIFFITH			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Special Agent (A) [redacted] interviewed the persons connected with subject's company, MARKET ANALYSTS, INC., securing information that this firm conducted inquiry at Fair for William Allen White Committee and other inquiries designed to gauge public opinion. Investigation fails to disclose espionage activities.

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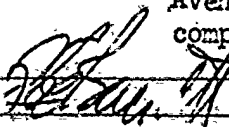
Report of Special Agent R. H. Hodgin, New York City, dated July 17, 1940.

DETAILS:

Special Agent [redacted] conducted the following investigation on August 13, 1940, as set out in his memorandum for the file of that date:

In accordance with the undeveloped lead set forth in the report of Special Agent R. H. Hodgin, New York, N. Y., July 17, 1940, Agent [redacted] made an effort to contact SAN FORD GRIFFITH. Inquiry at 347 Madison Avenue, New York City, disclosed that Griffith and his company, MARKET ANALYSTS, INC., were no longer at that

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address, having moved in May of this year. They are presently located in Building R-1, New York World's Fair. The telephone number is World's Fair 6-1212, Extension 896.

On August 13, 1940, the writer called at Building R-1 at the World's Fair, this building being known as the Coty Building. Under the pretext of paying a friendly visit to Griffith, inquiry was made for him. Griffith was out of the office and was not expected back during the remainder of the day, so the writer conversed with Miss Helen Kaulbach, Griffith's secretary, and Mr. Al Meyrowitz, an associate of Griffith, in an effort to develop information concerning their present activities. Throughout the interview no mention was made of the purpose of Agent's visit, and an effort was made to impress upon the persons contacted that the visit was nothing more than a friendly call.

During the course of the conversation it was ascertained that Market Analysts, Inc., is apparently having financial difficulties, and that frequently Griffith advises his associates that he may not be able to pay them their week's salary. It was ascertained that the group had been at the fair conducting an inquiry for the William Allen White Committee, which Committee is apparently engaged in an effort to aid the "allies" in the present European conflict. It was ascertained in this connection that Griffith's group had interviewed some one thousand individuals at the World's Fair in an attempt to determine American public opinion toward the "allied" cause. In this connection Agent was shown a questionnaire which was used and examined same, noting that all of the questions which were asked were apparently made with the idea of gauging public opinion.

Since Griffith was not present, it was not thought advisable to question in detail any of his associates, so they were merely engaged in general conversation. From the trend of the conversation, it is to be pointed out that the associates of Griffith, particularly Meyrowitz, seemed to be well informed on propaganda activities in New York City. The name Westrick was mentioned by Meyrowitz, who advised that he had knowledge of the fact that the FBI was conducting an investigation of Westrick. Agent disclaimed any knowledge of such investigation being conducted by the Bureau. It was not thought advisable to go into further detail in the questioning of Griffith's associates, because such questioning might arouse their suspicions.

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Special Agent has since been transferred from the New York Division.

A review of the file fails to reflect any evidence indicating espionage activities or other activities on the part of subject, inimical to the welfare of the United States.

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The case therefore is being closed.

CLOSED.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Washington, D. C.
August 31, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with my memorandum of August 30, 1940, relative to a telephone call from [redacted] of the [redacted] New York City, the attached material was received by mail addressed to Mr. Tracy from [redacted] b7D

This material consists of a letter to Mr. Tracy from [redacted] setting forth briefly the information incorporated in my memorandum of yesterday, which information was furnished to me telephonically by [redacted] There is also attached a copy of two interviews which Sanford Griffith, mentioned in my memorandum of yesterday, had with a Dr. Auhagen. [redacted] in talking with the writer yesterday, advised that he does not know who Dr. Auhagen is other than that he is connected in some capacity with the American Fellowship Forum. b7D

A check of the Bureau files with respect to Sanford Griffith discloses that he is the subject of the case entitled Sanford Griffith, Espionage, of which the New York City Office is origin, Bureau File 65-23555. Information contained in this file reveals that Griffith left his brief case overnight at the Champlain Restaurant in New York City and that at the request of the New York City Police Department this brief case was examined by Agents of the Bureau. The examination revealed memoranda of interviews had by Subject Griffith with Propaganda Agents Mathias Schantz and F. L. Auhagen (probably Dr. Auhagen referred to above.) Auhagen was mentioned in the notes as a German Agent in the United States and a collaborator of Westrick. Various clipings were also found in the brief case dealing with the Dies Committee, fifth column activities and propaganda matters. It was ascertained during the course of the investigation that Griffith held a Major's Commission in the Army's Intelligence Division during the last war and is presently President of Market Analysts, Inc., a research bureau in New York concerned with economic matters. [redacted] b7D

[redacted] the New York Office in connection with various subversive matters. The files of the Bureau further reflect that [redacted] turned over certain information [redacted] New York City, relative to an interview [redacted] Griffith, had with one Dr. Degener relative to German-American relations in this country. [redacted] furnished this information to the latter and it was in turn forwarded by General Files to the Bureau. b7D

A check of the files with respect to William L. Nederhoef discloses that this individual is apparently identical with William L. Nederhoed; that Nederhoed is the publisher of a publication entitled "The Pamphleteer", 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City. A copy of this publication which appears in the files of this Bureau contains an article entitled "Chestnuts in Asia" written by Nederhoed, the text of which seems to be somewhat pro-Japanese. [redacted]

In the case entitled [redacted] Espionage, the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 10, 1940, contains information furnished by [redacted] New York City, wherein [redacted] advised that one William N. Nederhoed owns the corporation known as the [redacted] Inc., 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and that Nederhoed has contacted him from time to time in the past few years indicating to him that Nederhoed is a very close friend of Carl Byoir. b6 b7C b7D

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Aug. 31, 1940

According to [redacted] Nederhoed received \$4,000 from the Japanese Government, which money had been sent through one Fukushima (phonetic), for the publication of the article "Chestnuts in Asia" referred to above. [redacted] stated that in 1939 Nederhoed had informed him that the German Government had wanted him to write an anti-British pamphlet for distribution in this country and that he had written the pamphlet which he entitled "Sir Uncle Sam, Knight of the British Empire." Nederhoed told [redacted] that the German Government had agreed to purchase 100,000 copies of this pamphlet at 25¢ each; that Nederhoed has indicated on many occasions that he is well acquainted with the officials of the German Embassy, both in New York and at Washington, and that the German authorities pay him for what he calls "research" but which in reality are expenses for writing such articles as above. According to [redacted] Nederhoed is a native Hollander, approximately fifty years of age and has lived all over the world. Nederhoed also told [redacted] that in order to get paid for his work he was introduced to the head of the German Railways in New York and through him he planned to receive his money from the German Government, and that Carl Byoir had vouched for him at the time of this introduction. Nederhoed is reported to have told [redacted] that Carl Byoir had received \$6,000 a month from the German Government for Byoir's publicity work for the German Government. [redacted] stated that Nederhoed is a great bragger, is a liar and very little of what he says can be taken as the truth. b7D

In the case entitled [redacted] with aliases, et al, Espionage, a letter from the New York Office dated June 14, 1940, discloses that Subject [redacted] handed the informant in this case a pamphlet entitled "The Pamphleteer" and instructed the informant to [redacted] with the suggestion that it be used for propaganda purposes in the United States. This particular issue of The Pamphleteer contained information that the editor and publisher was W. L. Nederhoed, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City, and contained an article entitled "Sir Uncle Sam, Knight of the British Empire" by John J. Whiteford. In accordance with the request of the subject in this case, after obtaining clearance from the Bureau this pamphlet was [redacted] by the informant. b7D

Respectfully,

C. E. Kleinkauf

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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October 9, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Mr. Frederick Lyon of the State Department advised me that [redacted] the [redacted] who writes under the name of [redacted] had reported to the State Department that Sanford Griffith, of Huntington, Long Island, New York, has either represented himself to be or given the impression that he is a Special Agent of the Bureau.

Mr. Lyon furnished me the attached sheet, which contains rather detailed biographical data concerning Griffith. Mr. Lyon stated that he had been unable to obtain more specific information from [redacted] and advised that in the event he can secure additional information from this source, it will immediately be made available to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

A. M. Thurston

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Griffith, Sanford, broker; b. at Eugene, Ore., Feb. 17, 1893; s. Robert Rabb and Josephine Griffith; grad. Univers. High Sch., Chicago, 1910; student Dartmouth; PH.B., U. of Chicago, 1915; grad. Ecole des Sciences Politiques, Paris, 1917; m. Katharine Beach Bennett, of Hartford, Connecticut, May 14, 1924 (died Dec. 27, 1934); children- [redacted] Commissioned Maj. infantry United States Army, 1917; with General Staff in France, later as liaison officer with VI French Army and as head of sub-sect. staff, 1st Army, U.S.; mem. Armistice Com., Spa. Lecturer on politics and economics; corr. for New York Herald, in Rome, later Berlin, 1920-23; engaged in underwritings brokerage and industrial reorganizations, New York, 1930-37; European rep. and corr. Wall Street Jour. and other Dow, Jones, & Co. publs. 1923-27; dir. consumer research projects Miller, Franklin & Co., 1938; pres. Market Analysts, Inc; Ithaca, N.Y. Home: Huntingdon, L.I., N. Y. Office: 347 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: SANFORD GRIFFITHS;
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Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith is the original of a
report dated December 26, 1941 of Confidential In-
formant [] which relates to SANFORD GRIFFITHS.

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Copies of the Informant's report are being
placed in the files relating to this individual for
possible future use in handling this investigation.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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SANFORD GRIFFITHS

[] asked me yesterday whether I had any new information on SANFORD GRIFFITHS (see previous reports). I told him that I had heard nothing lately.

[] informed me that his office was at present conducting a "very thorough investigation" of Griffiths and stated that they had been questioning a staff member of MARKET ANALYSTS - which is GRIFFITHS' firm - for many hours. While [] did not say so directly I gathered from his remarks that this man from MARKET ANALYSTS WAS a voluntary informant and had not been summoned for questioning by Naval Intelligence.

[] stated that there were cumulative indications that GRIFFITHS was untrustworthy politically and crooked financially. When I asked [] about details he replied that he could not tell me at this stage of the game because the picture was not yet complete but that he could say that it seemed pretty certain that GRIFFITHS HAD been working for both sides. [] also mentioned the fact that GRIFFITHS had been very indiscreet about boasting all over town about his alleged connections with the ~~British Secret Service~~ and stated that his handling of the ~~"Free Austrian Movement"~~ (AUSTRIAN ACTION) and the ~~Free French movement~~ (FRANCE FOREVER) had been conducted in such a way as to line his own pockets.

[] promised that he would keep me informed because he knows of my personal interest in GRIFFITHS and indicated that the information gathered by Naval Intelligence on GRIFFITHS would be eventually turned over to another agency - presumably meaning the F. B. I.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

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New York, N. Y.
January 13, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: SANFORD GRIFFITH

Dear Sir:

Colonel G. Edward Buxton of the office of the Coordinator of Information, 21 East 40th Street, New York City, telephonically inquired if we knew anything concerning the above named person, who had been endeavoring to contact Colonel Buxton. I furnished Colonel Buxton orally the substance of the information in our files concerning Mr. Griffith, and told him that it was being furnished to him confidentially for his guidance in dealing with Griffin. You will recall that Mr. Griffith was connected with the organization known as "Austrian action", was on the mailing list of the German Library of Information, and was a member of the firm Thomas, Story and Griffith, which was expelled by the New York Stock Exchange.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 31, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Sanford Griffith
Market Analysts
Foreign Agent Registration Act

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 26, 1942, under the caption of "Ralph Waldo Emerson, with aliases, Impersonation," with which you enclosed a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City, October 13, 1941.

In reply to your inquiry whether further investigation in this matter is desired, it would be appreciated if you would conduct a complete investigation into the activities of Sanford Griffith and Market Analysts, with particular reference to their sources of income.

In the investigative reports to be submitted, it would be of assistance to this Division if the various Special Agents would comment on the reliability of prospective Government witnesses.

Respectfully,

WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General

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United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.**

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February 18, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum entitled, "APPEASEMENT. UNLIMITED." which was furnished to me by [redacted] New York City. [redacted] has told me that the banker to whom he has reference is SANFORD GRIFFITH, who is connected with the movie industry, and the corporation head is THOMAS J. WATSON, of International Business Machines.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH,
Assistant Director

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APPEASEMENT, UNLIMITED

Before December 7th many leading industrialists and financiers deliberately shut their eyes to the implications of Hitlerism, whether or not they are today aware of the menace of Japan.

An important banker, also active in the financial direction of one of the largest motion picture companies, said at a dinner party last fall that he had read "Mein Kampf" repeatedly and considered its author one of the greatest and soundest men in all history. His hostess then literally showed him the door. ✓

The head of one of the largest corporations with international ramifications, himself the recipient of honors from Hitler, last fall stated that it mattered little whether Great Britain or Germany won since after the war Dr. Schacht and Montague Norman, two men who understand each other, would sit down together and fix everything.

Despite their strident condemnation of Japan and their protestations of devotion to our war aims since Pearl Harbor, men of this type are a grave potential danger to our security. Their sincerity is decidedly open to question - they are the type of appeasers who become Laval and Quislings. Let us recognize their sinister threat to the democratic way of life. Let us render them forever harmless by exposing them for what they are.

February 17, 1942.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
RENDALL DERGE

RE: SANFORD GRIFFITH
MARKET ANALYSTS

With reference to your memorandum dated January 31, 1942, there are enclosed herewith one copy each of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent R. B. Rodgin, New York, New York, dated July 17, 1940, entitled "Sanford Griffith, Espionage."

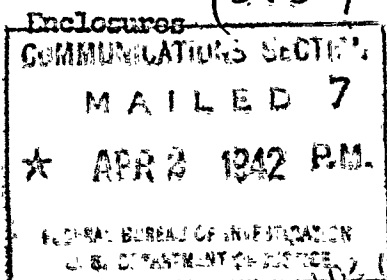
Report of Special Agent D. E. Sackett, New York, New York, dated September 13, 1940, in the case entitled "Sanford Griffith, Espionage."

In view of the investigation conducted by this Bureau relative to the activities of Sanford Griffith, will you kindly advise if you are still desirous of having additional investigation conducted into the activities of this individual with particular reference to his sources of income.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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SANFORD GRIFFITH, INTERNAL SECURITY G. [REDACTED] ON THIS

DATE ADVISED THAT SOMETIME IN JULY OR AUGUST OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE, SANFORD GRIFFITH WHO HE INDICATED WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF PARAMOUNT PICTURES OF HOLLYWOOD, CALIF, WAS A

[REDACTED] AND HE WERE ENGAGED IN A TENNIS MATCH AT THE CONCLUSION OF WHICH GRIFFITH MADE SOME RATHER DISPARAGING REMARKS CONCERNING FRANCO AND THE SPANISH PEOPLE IN GENERAL.

[REDACTED] WIFE WHO IS OF SPANISH ORIGIN WAS PRESENT AT THIS TIME AND TOOK SOME OFFENSE AT GRIFFITHS REMARKS. LATER THE SAME EVENING GRIFFITH WAS A GUEST OF [REDACTED] AT DINNER, DURING THE COURSE OF WHICH GRIFFITH MADE SOME VERY DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT AND ALSO INDICATED THAT THE PRESENT WAR WAS AN IMPERIALISTIC ONE AND WAS BEING WAGED MERELY FOR THE CONTROL OF WORLD MARKETS. GRIFFITH ALSO INDICATED THAT HE HAD READ HITLERS "MEIN KAMPF" ON MANY, MANY OCCASIONS AND CONSIDERED IT A MOST NOTEWORTHY PUBLICATION. HE FINALLY ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HITLER HAD THE FINEST MIND AND WAS THE GREATEST INDIVIDUAL

IN THE WORLD AT THE PRESENT TIME. AT THIS JUNCTURE MRS. [REDACTED] TOLD GRIFFITH THAT A MAN WITH THESE BELIEFS WAS NOT WELCOME IN HER HOME AND

ASKED HIM TO LEAVE WHICH HE DID. [REDACTED] STATED THAT GRIFFITH WAS

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A MOST EMOTIONAL INDIVIDUAL CONCERNING HIS PERSONAL AND POLITICAL BELIEFS BUT HE HAD DISMISSED THE SITUATION FROM HIS MIND TEMPORARILY BUT DID AT A LATER DATE MENTION THE FACT TO [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SOMETIME LATTER HE WAS APPROACHED BY A MR. GOLDSMITH WHO WAS INTERESTED IN A PUBLIC MORALE MOVEMENT CONCERNING THE ABOVE STORY AND WAS AFTER THAT INTERVIEWED BY DREW PEARSON OF THE WASHINGTON MERRY GO ROUND AND ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THE FACTS CONCERNING GRIFFITHS ESCAPES AT [REDACTED] HOME WERE TRUE, AND [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE TOLD PEARSON HE COULD NOT DENY IT. XXAMWEGIN CONCLUSION [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN WAR TIME THESE STATEMENTS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE MOST EMBARRASSING BUT INDICATED THAT SINCE THEY WERE MADE PRIOR TO OUR ENTRANCE INTO THE WAR, HE HAD NOT PUT MUCH CREDENCE IN THESE REMARKS. b7D

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 1, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Sanford Griffith;
Internal Security - G

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☐
Mr. Clegg ☐
Mr. Glavin ☐
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You will recall that Mr. [redacted] original-ly reported Griffith as being an individual of pro-Nazi sympathies and related an incident which occurred at a dinner party at the home of [redacted] at NYC, at which Griffith made such pro-Nazi statements that [redacted] ordered him from the house.

[redacted] has been interviewed by the NYC Office and states that sometime in July or August 1941, Sanford Griffith, who [redacted] advised was the Chairman of the Finance Committee of Paramount Pictures and a [redacted] of the [redacted] had been a guest at their home for dinner. [redacted] stated that during the course of the dinner, Griffith made disparaging remarks about the President and also indicated that the war was an Imperialistic war and was being waged merely for the control of world markets. Griffith also indicated that he had read "Mein Kampf" many times and considered it "a most noteworthy publication." [redacted] said that Griffith also made the statement that he thought Hitler had a fine mind and "was the greatest individual in the world at the present time." At this juncture, according to [redacted] told Griffith that in view of his beliefs he was not welcome in her home and asked him to leave, which he did. b7D

[redacted] advised that Griffith was a highly emotional individual and that he [redacted] had dismissed the situation from his mind. [redacted] stated that he did at a later date mention the incident to [redacted] and also that some time later he was approached by Mr. Arthur J. Goldsmith and questioned about the occurrence. Dr. [redacted] stated that after that he was interviewed by Drew Pearson concerning the story of Griffith's visit at his home and that he told Pearson he could not deny it.

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[redacted] emphasized that while the statements made by Griffith would be of some consequence if made at the present time, he wanted to point out that the remarks made by Griffith at the [redacted] home had been made prior to the entrance of the United States into the war. b7D

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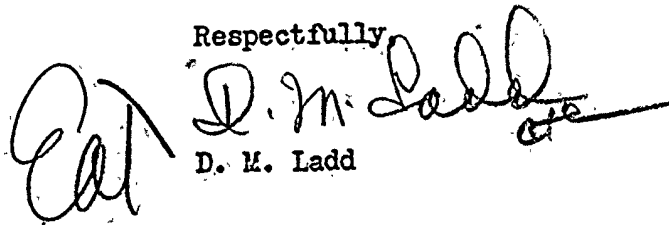
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For your information the Bureau made some inquiry concerning Griffith in July 1940, based upon a brief case owned by Griffith which was left in a restaurant in New York City and found to contain various written material with respect to propaganda activities in the United States mentioning Robert E. Edmundson, James True, George Sylvester Viereck, Friedrich Auhagen and others. It was determined that Griffith held a Major's commission in the Army Intelligence during the last World War and in 1940 was President of Market Analysts, Inc., a Research Bureau concerned with economic matters. He had been connected with the New York Herald as a foreign correspondent in Rome and Berlin and was formerly a partner in a brokerage firm in New York City, but was suspended for violation of the exchange rules. As a result of the check which was made by the New York City Office, it was determined that Griffith apparently had no foreign connections and was interested in propaganda activities in connection with an inquiry to gauge public opinion which he was making for the William Allen White Committee. The investigation was therefore closed.

The Criminal Division of the Department inquired concerning Griffith on January 31, 1942, and has been furnished copies of the previous investigative reports concerning him and asked to advise the Bureau whether any additional investigation was desired.

Respectfully

D. M. Ladd

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 15, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Sanford Griffith
Market Analysts;
Espionage.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 2, 1942 in the above captioned case with which you transmitted copies of various investigative reports. It is noted that the latest report bearing directly on the subject is the report of Special Agent in Charge B. E. Sackett, dated at New York September 18, 1940. Because of the fact that it is not improbable that this subject is a propaganda agent of a foreign principal, it is desired that the investigation of this case be continued to bring it up to date. It is desired that the fullest possible information be obtained relative to all of the activities of the subject, particularly since December 7, 1941.

In the report of Special Agent R. H. Hodgkin dated at New York July 17, 1940, page 5, it is noted that Lanphear Buck, Superintendent of the Office Building, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City in which the subject then had a place of business, indicated that Fred A. Smith of the firm of Miller, Franklin & Basset might be a good source of information pertaining to the subject. It is suggested that Mr. Smith be located and interviewed.

On page 9 of the same report it is noted that Mr. L. A. Wells, retired rural mail carrier, indicated that Frank Van Haven and Barbara Markso might be sources of information about the subject. It is suggested that these individuals and any others whom they can suggest be thoroughly interviewed for any possible data about the subject.

It is suggested that through Special Agent [redacted] or otherwise, an attempt be made to locate and interview former employees of the subject.

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In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York October 13, 1941, in the case entitled Ralph Waldo Emerson, with aliases, Impersonation, there is strong indication that the subject in the instant case was then engaged in propaganda for the British government. On page 11 it is set out that Emerson stated he was gathering information for subject Griffith which Griffith in turn forwarded to short-wave radio station WRUL, Boston, Massachusetts for transmission to Great Britain. It is suggested that an investigation be instituted to check on the veracity of this statement. It is further suggested that Emerson be reinterviewed and that the questions which he evaded be repeated to him. Under the circumstances that exist today the special agents interviewing Emerson should not permit him to evade direct questions.

On page 14 there is a statement that the Special Agent in Charge had been advised by a [redacted]

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[redacted] On the same page there is a further statement that the subject in the instant case "had been employed by the British to obtain information". It is requested that full and complete data pertaining to these statements be furnished the Criminal Division. (S) (u)

It is suggested that a thorough interview be had with this subject and a signed statement obtained covering fully all of his activities since he got out of the investment brokerage business, and he should be called upon to account for all the items of a questionable nature which were found in the briefcase which he left at the Champlain Restaurant, New York City. All statements made by the subject should be verified or disproved. It is suggested that an analysis be made of his bank accounts and that his income tax returns be obtained for the years since he got out of the investment brokerage business.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge

WENDELL BERGE,
Assistant Attorney General ✓

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June 16, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: SANFORD GRIFFITH
MARKET ANALYSTS, INCORPORATED
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Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter dated May 5, 1942, which enclosed copies of a memorandum dated April 15, 1942, prepared by Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

The Bureau files fail to reflect that the investigation requested by Mr. Berge has been conducted by your office, and I must insist that this matter be afforded your immediate investigative attention, and that an investigative report be submitted without undue delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: **SANTON D. GRIFFITH**
MARKET ANALYST, INC.
ESPIONAGE

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum dated April 15, 1942, from Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division.

It is my desire that an immediate investigation be conducted by your office for the purpose of obtaining the information desired in the attached memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge.

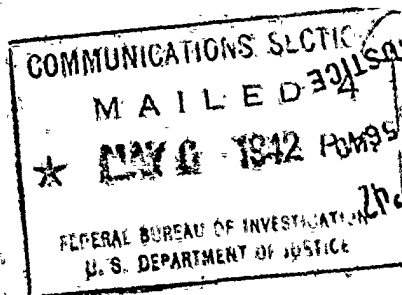
In view of the nature of this request, you are instructed to afford this matter immediate investigative attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: SANFORD GRIFFITH
MARKET ANALYSTS, INCORPORATED
ESPIONAGE

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to Bureau letters dated May 5, 1942 and June 16, 1942, wherein you were advised of a request received from the Criminal Division of the Department.

The Bureau files fail to reflect that the investigation requested of your Office has been afforded attention and in view of the extreme delinquency of this matter, I must insist that a report be submitted not later than August 15, 1942.

Very truly yours,

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

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Re: SANFORD D. GRIFFITH
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are copies of the report of
Confidential [redacted]

This report, dated August 5, 1942, pertains to
the present activities of the above subject. The enclosed two
photostatic letters were obtained by informant.

Copies of informant's report are being placed
in the New York investigative file for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

P.E. Foxworth
P.E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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New York City
August 5, 1942.

SANFORD GRIFFITH.

Referring to previous reports on SANFORD GRIFFITHS and his various dubious activities, their attached photostats of copies of documents which are characteristic of his methods:

Note how GRIFFITHS manages to acquire "semi-official" status.

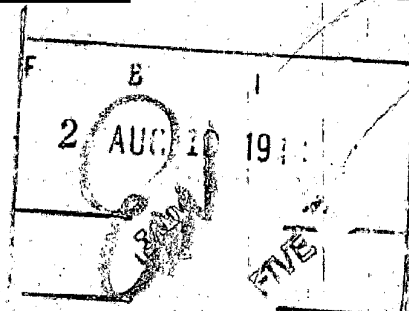
GRIFFITHS interest is of course purely commercial. He foists himself on political organizations and then milks them as "public relations adviser."

The DR. LEON ~~MATTHIAS~~ MATTHIAS, 200 Cabrini Boulevard, New York City, mentioned in one of the attached documents is a German refugee- allegedly in this country on a phoney Guatemalan or Honduran passport-who works as research director for a European group. So far I have been unable to establish the identity of this group. He must have money^{or must have access to money}, otherwise a slick racketeer like GRIFFITH would not bother with him.

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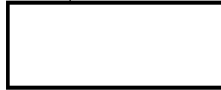
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SANFORD GRIFFITH.

[redacted] told me today that SANFORD GRIFFITH
had stated that he was carrying out confidential government
assignments for ARCHIBALD MACLEISH.

8/11/42
Good W.E.S.



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MARKET ANALYSIS, INC.

Fact finding for Industry- Consumer Research

8 West 40th Street
Room 2110
Longacre 5-2997-2972
New York City

January 9, 1942

Dr. Leon Matthias

200 Cabrini Boulevard
New York City

Dear Dr. Matthias:

On the invitation of the Radio Section in the Department of Justice, I went to Washington and had extensive conversations with the Commissioner of Immigration, Mr. Dimock, and with the Radio Department here. I found that they would like to have our help to set up a private organization which could undertake immediately domestic programs in German and Italian and eventually in French, Polish, and several other languages.

They look to a private organization to undertake this work owing to the delay which would be involved in getting additional appropriations and the setup for carrying on this work.

Actually, however, we would work in collaboration with the newly-formed office of Facts and Figures of which Archibald McLeish is the head because this field of activity will fall mainly under their general supervision. Several of the directors have indicated their interest in our undertaking these programs as a private organization working in close collaboration with them.

The same problem arises, however, of the necessity of private financing, at least during the preliminary period of one to two months. The choice then exists of either raising the money privately for work recognized as of great national value or of working out an arrangement whereby the financing would be done through one or another of the Government Departments.

An arrangement could be made with the person who undertakes the initial financing whereby he would be repaid out of the eventual permanent financing provided.

Yours sincerely,

Sanford Griffith
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Signed: Sanford Griffith

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D.C.

January 3, 1942

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Sanford Griffith

FROM: Dorothy Donnell

As you know, we in the Immigration and Naturalization Service here who have been working with educational programs for the foreign born, share your concern for their situation today. In the past year and a half we have had as our guests on the "I'M AN AMERICAN!" program distinguished foreigners representing nearly every nationality in the American population. These men and women have kept in close touch with me since their first appearance on our program and from them I receive continually reports regarding the increasing seriousness of the situation of our millions of aliens and foreign-born citizens at the present moment.

The radio stations servicing foreign language groups have abruptly stopped most of their broadcasts for fear of government disapproval of the type of material they have been carrying. The resentment and bewilderment of people suddenly deprived of their chief means of information and entertainment has in some cases taken the form of riots in which the foreign language radio stations have been stoned. The Pro-Fascist groups have been quick to seize the opportunity of persuading these foreign groups that they are being discriminated against because they are Germans and Italians - thus alienating them from the cause of Democracy. These stations have been frantically writing and calling me up ever since war was declared, begging for foreign language transcriptions suitable for presentation at the present time.

I have been obliged to tell them that the government has never provided democratic material in foreign languages except for the ten German and Italian "I'M AN AMERICAN" programs which I managed to whangle here in my unit, and the twelve patriotic Polish programs which we cooperated in having transcribed.

The situation as regards money for making transcriptions in foreign languages remains the same in all government departments even at this moment of extreme emergency. It will take time, if it is possible at all, to get money earmarked by Congress for the unprecedented job of providing radio facts, information and tolerance programs for our millions of foreign born and foreign speaking people.

I suggested to Mr. Dimock that your new set-up, in which you can make available the services of the best loyal non-citizen talent in the country for

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needed defense work, might be able to fill the needs which we down here recognize, but find ourselves helpless to meet. He was tremendously interested in the suggestion and felt that it might be the solution to the problem of immediate democratic material for local radio stations using foreign language broadcasts— of which there are several hundred servicing millions of listeners.

I wanted you to know of his interest in your work and his hope that it will be able to help do this tremendously important home defense job, and bring the people best fitted for contacting our foreign groups and the need of such contacts together.

I am enclosing a copy of a typical letter such as I get almost every day in my mail, which bears out the anxiety and need which I have expressed above.

Cordially,

Signed: Dorothy Donnell
Director of Citizenship Programs

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

SEPTEMBER 14, 1942

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION,

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Transmit the following message to:

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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SHARP. SANFORD GRIFFITH, MARKET ANALYSIS, INCORPORATED, ESPIONAGE.
RE YOUR TELETYPE OCTOBER EIGHTH, EX INSTANT CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED
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NY FILE NO. 65-4098 VCD

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/29/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/12; 6/2; 10/24/42	REPORT MADE BY JAMES L. FUGH
TITLE SANFORD GRIFFITH			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE (G)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential Informant [redacted] advises that subject is an undercover agent for British Secret Service, works with the AUSTRIAN ACTION, an organization to re-establish Austria, and the Free French movement, but states his interests are purely commercial, that during the first World War he served in Military Intelligence obtaining information from German prisoners. [redacted] NYC, advises subject very emotional concerning his personal and political beliefs and was once ordered from [redacted] home because of statements allegedly favoring HITLER and against the President and the conduct of the war. Subject presently connected with the AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, NYC, investigating subversive matters for Asst USA WILLIAM P. MALONEY, Washington, D. C., in connection with Grand Jury inquiry into subversive activities. Is also reported to be presently employed by War Department, instructing Army officers on technique of interrogating German war prisoners. Lead set out to establish subject's Army status.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file No. 65-23555.
Letter from the Bureau to the New York Field Division dated May 5th, 1942.
Teletype to the Bureau from the New York Field Division dated March 12th, 1942.
Report of Special Agent B. E. Sackett, dated at New York City September 18th, 1940.

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REFERENCE, cont.

Report of Special Agent R. H. Hodgin,
dated at New York, New York, July 17th, 1940.

DETAILS: This case is being reopened to report additional information which has been obtained concerning the subject.

A review of the file in this case reveals that by report of March 10th, 1941, [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that he had received information from a representative of the Dies Committee that the subject had submitted information that [redacted] agent and subject was described as a private investigator and a former mayor in [redacted] in the last election campaign. Subject's address was given as [redacted] New York City, and it was stated that he had an investigative assistant named [redacted] who is tied in with the Communist Party. [redacted] further stated that it was also alleged that subject's anti-Nazi work was sponsored by DAVID K. NILES. Information was later furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] that NILES was one of the four executive assistants of President ROOSEVELT.

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By report of April 3rd, 1941 [redacted] advised that subject was [redacted] the AUSTRIAN ACTION at Rockefeller Centre, New York City, on March 31st, 1941 and it seemed that subject appeared to "run the whole show" but was extremely evasive when questioned as to his connection with AUSTRIAN ACTION and stated that he had only made a survey for them, and mentioned that Market Analysts, at 8 West 40th Street, New York City, was his firm. [redacted] stated that he had been advised that subject is a crooked Wall Street operator and had been expelled from the New York Stock Exchange and escaped conviction in criminal proceedings by the "skin of his teeth", and is a high class racketeer. He further learned that subject had been associated with RAYMOND GRAHAM SWING in London when the latter was correspondent for a New York paper and the Wall Street Journal around 1926, and that subsequently subject became a Wall Street broker. [redacted] stated that at that time GRIFFITH lived with MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE, a photographer who was and presumably still is, tied up with the Communist Party and who was GRIFFITH's mistress for several years.

Reference to files of the New York office reflected that MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE is a photographer for Time and Life Magazines, Rockefeller Centre, New York City, is closely connected with Communist activities and reportedly is a member of the Communist Party, is the wife of ERSKINE CALDWELL, American novelist, and was reported by Informant [redacted] to have left the staff of "P.M." newspaper due to a shake-up in staff members when alleged Communists were fired.

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Regarding AUSTRIAN ACTION, [] states that this organization was reported to have been organized for the purpose of re-establishing Austria and was definitely anti-Nazi and had been organized by Count FERDINAND CZERNIN, who is chairman, and other members were Dr. SEBBA, secretary, a Jewish refugee formerly employed in a minor capacity in the advertising department of the Meneil coffee firm in Vienna, Baron FREYBISS, also an Austrian refugee who had recently arrived from France and had reported on the number of Austrian refugees in France. Also present were Dr. FUCHS, who was supposed to be the underground expert for AUSTRIAN ACTION and who reported at this conference on activities of the Austrians in Europe.

Informant further stated that it further appeared that subject had conducted a survey for this group and the results of this survey were disclosed at this conference, showing the number of Austrian persons in the United States, as well as Yugoslavians, Czechs, Poles and Jews. It further appeared that when the question was asked at the conference whether AUSTRIAN ACTION was sanctioned by the State Department, CZERNIN stated that it was going to be taken up with the State Department and that "after all, we regard ourselves as regular allies of the American government". It further appeared that it was stated that AUSTRIAN ACTION was about to be incorporated as a New York membership corporation and that it was not a foreign propaganda agency or collecting money for relief in belligerent countries and therefore did not have to register under any Federal law and did not need a license.

[] further stated that when questions were asked as to who put up money for the incorporation, and for advance publicity and for the elegant press conference, CZERNIN became very evasive and subject quickly declared the interview closed.

The above-mentioned reports of [] were forwarded to the Bureau and the Bureau was advised that the information contained therein being indefinite, no action would be taken by this office.

Also contained in the file is a newspaper clipping from the New York Times of April 2nd, 1941, in which it appears that AUSTRIAN ACTION was reported to have been formed by Count FERDINAND CZERNIN, chairman, and included Major FRANK HARAND of the Austrian Army, Baron H. JOSEPH FRIEBEISS, Dr. MARTIN FUCHS, former Austrian attache in Paris, and Dr. GREGOR SEBBA, Austrian economist and secretary designate of AUSTRIAN ACTION. Its purpose was to enable Austrians inside and outside Austria to fight HITLER and would perform a function similar to that of the France Forever organization of General CHARLES DE GAULLE. It further appeared that its plans and personnel were being submitted for the approval of the State Department.

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By report dated July 31st, 1941, [] further advised that he had received by messenger an envelope containing press releases and that the messenger had been sent out by Market Analysts at 8 West 40th Street. The messenger's list included the city editors of all leading New York newspapers,

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ARNOLD VAS*DIAS of the Netherlands Indies News Service, and LOUIS*HINRICHS of the London Times. [] stated that from the names of the people mentioned in the news release received by him, he was convinced that the new movement, AUSTRIAN ACTION, is a racket, all of these persons being Austrian refugees with peculiar connections who are obviously bent on exploiting the public. b7D

It appeared from a press release submitted to [] for release April 1st, 1941 that AUSTRIAN ACTION would set up branch units in sixteen cities in both the Americas and claimed to be a militant, non-partisan organization of free and independent Austrians in the Americas who were loyal to their adopted countries. Its one aim was to regain for the Austrian people their freedom and right of self-determination.

Copies of the above report of [] together with copies of the press releases, were forwarded to the Bureau by letter of June 30th, 1941, and copies thereof are being retained in the files of this office.

On October 20th, 1941 [] advised that he had learned that subject was working closely with RICHARD ROLLINS (IRVING ROTHBERG) and had been spreading rumors that [] and was working for and taking money from both sides. However, [] states that subject was doing this with ROLLINS to determine for whom [] was working. b7D

It is noted that information is contained in the New York Office files that Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised on September 24th, 1942 that RICHARD ROLLINS, whose real name is IRVING ROTHBERG, runs the Anti-Nazi League, New York City.

It further appears that by report dated December 29th, 1941 Informant [] advised that FRANK MASON, Vice President, National Broadcasting Company, and special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, made a statement that GRIFFITH claimed that he, GRIFFITH, has persuaded his superiors that his German is good enough so that he could be put in with German prisoners and obtain information. [] advised that subject was overheard talking German to a group of Austrians last spring and his German was so faulty and full of Jewish idioms that he could never be taken for German. b7D

On December 26th, 1941 [] advised that he had learned that Naval Intelligence was conducting a very thorough investigation of subject and had been questioning a staff member of Market Analysts, subject's firm, for many hours, and also there were accumulated indications that subject was untrustworthy politically and crooked financially, and that it appeared that subject was working for both sides. It further appeared that subject had been very indiscreet

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about boasting all over town about his alleged connections with the British Secret Service and that subject's handling of the AUSTRIAN ACTION and Free French movement had been conducted in such a way as to "line his own pockets".

On August 3rd, 1942 Informant [] advised that subject was carrying out confidential government assignments for ARCHIBALD MacLEISH.

By letter of February 12th, 1942 to the Bureau from the Miami office, a copy of which was furnished to the New York office, it appeared that GRIFFITH had been visiting the home of [] in New York City and while at dinner stated that he had read "Mein Kampf" five times, felt that HITLER was the greatest man on earth and had been ordered from the house by []. The Miami office had learned from their informants that subject is reported to be Chairman of Paramount Pictures and a member of a number of exclusive clubs in New York City.

Dr. [] was interviewed by the New York office on March 12th, 1942, at which time he advised that some time in July or August of 1941, GRIFFITH, who is the chairman of the Finance Committee of Paramount Pictures of Hollywood, California, and a [] was engaged in a tennis match, at the conclusion of which subject made some rather disparaging remarks concerning FRANCO and the Spanish people in general. [] wife, who is of Spanish origin, was present at the time and took some offense at GRIFFITH's remarks. Later during the same evening subject was a guest of the [] at dinner, during the course of which GRIFFITH made some very disparaging remarks about the President and also indicated that the present war was an imperialistic one and was being waged for the control of world markets. It further appeared that GRIFFITH indicated he had read HITLER's "Mein Kampf" on many occasions and considered it a most noteworthy publication and that he thought that HITLER had the finest mind and was the greatest individual in the world. At this juncture Mrs. [] told GRIFFITH that a man with those beliefs was not welcome in her home and asked him to leave, which he did.

[] advised that GRIFFITH was a most emotional individual concerning his personal and political beliefs, but he had dismissed the situation from his mind. [] advised that some time later he was approached by Mr. GOLDSMITH, who was interested in a public morale movement concerning the above story and was later interviewed by [] concerning the above facts. [] advised that in wartime statements made by subject would be most embarrassing but indicated that since they were made prior to our entrance into the war, he had not put much credence in them.

The above information was forwarded to the Bureau by reference teletype of March 12th, 1942.

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By letter of March 24th, 1942 the Miami Field Division advised the New York office that [redacted] Miami Beach, Florida, advised that subject had rented an apartment [redacted] since February 12th, 1942 and appeared to be writing a lot of letters and dictating to someone posing as his wife, that he conversed in German most of the time and [redacted] a number of books, some of which were entitled "HITLER of the Day" and "HITLER Will Rule the World". She further stated that she saw a lot of material concerning the treatment of German war prisoners in the present conflict. She further stated that letters [redacted] bore the return address 8 West 40th Street, Room 2110, New York City.

It further appeared in this letter that [redacted] advised that a woman living with subject was not his wife but a RUTH ZIMMER, who resided at the Conklin House, Huntington, Long Island, New York, previous to her visit to Miami Beach. It further appeared that subject had departed for New York City, leaving no forwarding address.

On May 16th, 1942 Special Agent J. L. Percy of the New York office obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, information which it had received through a confidential source, to the effect that the subject, whose business was known as Market Analysts, Inc., was the "information man" for the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies and that this committee, from appearances, occupied the entire floor on which subject's office was located at 8 West 40th Street, New York City. It was further learned from this source that [redacted]

[redacted] New York City, who was originally connected with the Anti-Nazi League, advised that subject was a British agent in charge of propaganda work and was probably the best informed man on the question of collateral matters relating to subversive activities in the United States and had a huge fund at his disposal. [redacted] is alleged to have refused to sell his "bulletin" to the subject.

It was further learned from Confidential Informant [redacted] that subject is friendly with RUTH ZIMMER, who gives her home as 842 West 40th Street, New York City, and who has a definite German accent, and that GRIFFITH is being considered for a job with the War Department and during the last war is supposed to have had something to do with the interrogation of German prisoners.

Special Agent J. L. Percy of this office interviewed Confidential Informant T-1, who advised that subject is presently connected with or employed by the American Jewish Committee in its work of investigating subversive activities. This informant, in speaking of subject, stated that his work is done largely for and at the request of Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM POWER MALONEY, of Washington, D. C., in connection with Grand Jury inquiries into subversive activities, and that the "good work" being done by the subject for MALONEY or the Department of Justice was in connection with the case of Dr. ALBERT DEGENER, GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERECK and the AUHAGEN case.

The above information was furnished by Confidential Informant T-1 in the presence of Confidential Informant T-2, and [redacted]

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[redacted] Internal Security (G), New York file 100-9887, and HORACE JOSEPH HAASE, Internal Security (G), Sedition, New York file 100-21235.

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Both of these informants stated that the subject is presently engaged in instructing Army officers in the technique of handling and interrogating German prisoners of war, which, it is alleged, he also did during the first World War. It was stated that subject's work in this field is done directly for the War Department and possibly is under the direction of G-2. Informant T-2 stated that subject had recently returned from Florida, where he had been engaged in such instruction of Army officers.

By reference letter of May 5th, 1942 the Bureau forwarded copies of a memorandum dated April 15th, 1942 from WENDELL BERGE, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, outlining suggested investigation in this matter. In view of the information which has been received by this office on subject's connection with the War Department, the investigation outlined by Mr. BERGE is being held in abeyance and a lead is being set out to the Washington Field Division to ascertain subject's status with the War Department.

In New York bulk file 65-2020-22902, it appears that on March 13th, 1942, Special Agent George J. Starr of the New York office ascertained from MAX WINKLER, an authority on international finance, who lectured at City College of New York, downtown branch, that subject represented Dillon Reed and Company, stock brokers, New York City, in Germany and was very close to FERDINAND EBERSTADT, a partner in this company, who handled German deals which passed through Dillon Reed's office, and that EBERSTADT is probably the one who put German Credit and Investment Company into operation in the United States and further, that subject was also reported to have been with the Wall Street Journal prior to going with Dillon Reed and Company.

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WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.

Will conduct appropriate inquiries at the War Department to determine definitely subject's official connection with the War Department in connection with his alleged instruction of Army officers in the technique of questioning prisoners.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent James L. Pugh dated at New York, New York, October 29th, 1942, is as follows:

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T-2



New York City.

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Street, New York City, be appointed as an Expert Consultant and that funds be provided for payment to him of \$25 per diem while he is actually engaged in his duties as an Expert Consultant. The memorandum states that subject is an American citizen, who served as a Major of Infantry in World War I and was in charge of sub-section G-2 prisoners and documents, First Army American Expeditionary Forces.

It was stated that subject possesses special technical ability and especially in the examination of Prisoners of War in which duties his services are desired. The services of subject were stated to be necessary in the immediate future in the preparation of a course of study and as an instructor in the First Class of Interrogators of Prisoners of War which would start July 25, 1942. This memorandum is countersigned by Colonel T. E. RODERICK, Executive Officer G-2.

Subject was appointed Expert Consultant in the Office of Chief of Staff, War Department at a salary of \$25 per diem, the effect of date of appointment was July 14, 1942 and the appointment was made under Section Eight of Military Appropriations Act of 1943. Subject took oath of office on the same date in Washington, D. C.

An undated personal history statement executed by subject appearing in this file reflects the following information:

* *Copy*
Date of birth, February 17, 1893; place of birth, Eugene, Oregon; Eight West Fortieth Street, New York City, legal residence, New York, Suffolk County Huntington, Long Island, New York. Business firm number, Longacre, 529-72 or 529-97. Father's name, ROBERT RABB, born at Columbia, South Carolina; mother's name, JOSEPHINE, born at Rochester, New York. Wife's maiden name KATE, born at Hartford, Connecticut. Subject's marital status, widower; dependants three; two sons and one daughter, ages sixteen, fourteen and twelve.

He stated that no members of his family were employed in government service; that he had no record of arrest and no record of forced resignations. He declared further that he had served as a Major of Infantry from August 1917 to July 1919.

Subject's educational history reflects that he attended high school and the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, from 1906 to 1910; Dartmouth University from 1910 to 1911, majoring in history; Bonn School in Germany from 1911 to 1912; University of Chicago from 1912 to 1915, majoring in economics, graduating with PHB degree in 1915; and Ecole des Sciences Politiques, Paris, France from 1915 to 1917, receiving a diploma.

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Subject also declared that he translated readily French, German, Spanish and Italian and speaks fluently French, German and Italian. He also operates a typewriter and has some knowledge of stenography. He stated that he was a member of the American Statistical System and the Market Analysts of New York City. His experience and employment record reflects the following:

1937 to 1942, employed by Market Analysts, Incorporated, 8 West 40th Street, New York City, as President and Manager at a salary from \$5000 to \$12000 per annum, still maintains this position.

1934 to 1937, employed by Thamos and Griffith, 120 Broadway at a salary of \$6000 to \$27000 per annum, status of partner.

1932 to 1934, associated with Stokes Hoyt and Company, One Wall Street, New York City, salary \$5000 to \$15000, status partner.

1930 to 1932, associated with Otis and Company, 120 Broadway, New York City, salary \$5000 to \$10,000, research duties.

1928 to 1930, employed by Dillon Read and Company, New York City, salary \$17,500 to \$19,500 per annum, duties described as foreign loans.

1923 to 1928, employed by the Wall Street Journal, 20 Broad Street, New York City, as Manager of London Office and correspondent.

1920 to 1923, employed by the New York Herald as correspondent at Berlin and at Rome.

Subject claimed wide business and European experience, and he indicated that he was associated with the following clubs or societies:

Downtown Athletic Club, Brooklyn, New York
Market Analysts, 160 Broadway, New York City

GRIFFITH denied membership in any communist or nazi organization, or any organization advocating the overthrow of the constitutional form of government of the United States.

GRIFFITH listed the persons who had knowledge of his character, experience and ability as follows:

ROY DICKINSON, Publisher of "Printers Ink", presently a Colonel in the United States Army.

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ARTHUR E. BESTOR of Chautauqua, New York.

EDWARD FISCHER BROWN of the Milk Research Council, 220 East Fortieth Street, New York City.

CHARLES LOCKWOOD, Treasurer of the Electrol Company, One Wall Street, New York.

GLENN or ALLEN MUMFORD of the Payne-Webber Company, 25 Broad Street, New York.

The personal statement indicates that subject resided at Halesite, Huntington Long Island, New York for a period of eleven years and that his landlady or acquaintance there was SAM AVERITT, apparently connected with the Local Draft Board.

The name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given under same as JOSEPHINE BROOKS, subject's mother-in-law, her address is not shown.

No further information regarding subject appears in the personnel file and unless further request is made by the office of origin, no further investigation will be conducted by this office inasmuch as subject is presently an employee of the War Department.

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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York**

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November 24, 1942
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: **SANFORD GRIFFITHS
ESPIONAGE - G**

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the original and one copy of the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated November 10, 1942 which indicates that SANFORD GRIFFITHS is at present working for the Military Intelligence Division at Governors Island, New York. More recent information with respect to GRIFFITHS was furnished to the Bureau by a report of Special Agent James L. Pugh dated October 29, 1942 at New York City in the above captioned matter.

I have referred this matter to the local office of the Military Intelligence Division, of course, not revealing the identity of the informant.

Copies of the enclosed report are being retained in the files of this office for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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When I spoke to [redacted] on the phone this morning about going to his country place for dinner Saturday or Sunday I have not seen him in about two months) I learned that he has just been promoted to Lieutenant-Commander.

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I also learned from him that SANFORD GRIFFITHS (see reports) is at present working for G-2 for whom he teaches at Governors Island. In view of GRIFFITHS questionable activities in the past on which detailed reports have been submitted it seems strange that he has been entrusted with work for Army Intelligence. I could not learn what subjects GRIFFITHS teaches.

[redacted] also expressed doubts as to the activities of LEON MATTHIAS (see reports). He stated that he had known MATTHIAS for over a year and outwardly was on friendly terms with him but that he was extremely distrustful because MATTHIAS seemed to have unusually large funds at his disposal. The source of these funds according to [redacted] is "very mysterious and baffling." He also stated that for a while MATTHIAS had been tied up with TETENS (see reports). He stated that he had lost track of TETENS but that he knew that the latter's connection with the White House last year had been brought about by Secretary ICKES personally.

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November 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CUNNINGHAM

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Mr. Knight of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce called and advised that the Republic Aviation Corporation would like to have a little background on a man by the name of Sanford Griffith. Mr. Knight stated the only information they have on Griffith is that he was at one time possibly connected with the Dies Committee and may have been mixed up in the Isolationist movement prior to Pearl Harbor. Mr. Knight inquired if we could furnish him some information relative to Griffith on a confidential basis so that he in turn could furnish it to the Republic Aviation Corporation.

I told Mr. Knight that we could not furnish him with this information; that he might check with ONI or G2 inasmuch as they have contracts with the Republic Aviation Corporation and they might be in a position to furnish him with this information. I further advised that we, of course, furnish our information to ONI and G2 and they could obtain it from us if they so desired, but we are not in a position to give such information to anyone else. Mr. Knight indicated that he would contact ONI and G2 in this regard.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd

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December 16, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ⁰SANFORD GRIFFITH,
ESPIONAGE - G
Bureau file 65-23555

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge S. K. Mc Kee, dated December 3, 1942 at Washington, D. C., in which it appears that the above subject is now employed as Export Consultant in the Office of Chief of Staff, War Department, having been appointed as such on July 14, 1942.

In view of the official connection of this subject with the War Department, no further investigation in this matter is being conducted.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

December 22, 1942

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: SANFORD GRIFFITH
Espionage - G
Registration Act

Reference is made to the report of SA James L. Pugh dated October 29, 1942 at New York, bearing the above caption. The last full paragraph on page six of that report indicates that a confidential informant advised that the subject was currently affiliated with the American Jewish Committee in its work of investigating subversive activities, and that his work is done largely for and at the request of Assistant U. S. Attorney William Power Maloney.

Since it could not be definitely determined from the report exactly when the information set forth therein was obtained or to just what period it applied, and since the facts are not fully developed, a telephone call was made to Mr. Harry Kimball, ASAC, New York, and he was instructed to have the reporting Agent prepare a detailed letter or memorandum covering the facts if they are available to him, and if not, recontact the informant if such can be done discreetly for the full facts. He was told to submit these data to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford

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Date:
To: Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: Sanford Griffith
Espionage - G

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 15, 1942,
concerning the above named subject.

You are advised that copies of the following investigative
reports were directed to the Division of Records on January 23, 1943:

Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated
December 3, 1942, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent James L. Pugh dated
October 29, 1942, at New York, New York.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: SANFORD GRIFFITH
ESPIONAGE-G

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Kramer.....

Mr. McGuire.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....

Mr. Nease.....
Mr. Gurnea.....

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone call to Special Agent In Charge Harry M. Kimball, by Mr. MUMFORD of the Bureau on December 22, 1942, referring to the last paragraph, page 6, of the report of Special Agent James L. Pugh, dated October 29, 1942, in the above-captioned case. Paragraph referred to states that [redacted]

[redacted]
New York City, had mentioned to Special Agent Johnston L. Percy that SANFORD GRIFFITH's investigations of subversive activities "is done largely for and at the request of Assistant U. S. Attorney William Power Maloney of Washington, D. C. in connection with Grand Jury inquiries into subversive activities." It was pointed out that GRIFFITH was associated with the AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, and [redacted] who first mentioned GRIFFITH's work for Mr. MALONEY to Special Agent Percy.

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In reply to Mr. MUMFORD's request that the Bureau be advised as to the specific time when such information was first secured, please be advised that Special Agent Percy submitted such in a memorandum for the New York file in this case on June 2, 1942, indicating that this information had been furnished to him by the informants named sometime in May 1942.

In an effort to secure additional information concerning GRIFFITH's relationship with and work for Mr. MALONEY, Special Agent Percy re-contacted both [redacted] concerning other matters previously discussed with them, and in the course of such interviews attempted indirectly and discreetly to secure the additional information desired. Such method was deemed necessary and desirable in view of the [redacted]

[redacted] and SANFORD GRIFFITH.
[redacted] on December 30, 1942, indicated to Special Agent Percy that GRIFFITH has been paid by the American Jewish Committee since about March 1942, for furnishing his reports [redacted] on subversive activities to this committee; however, that [redacted]

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GRIFFITH's friendship and arrangements with Mr. MALONEY had preceded his employment by the American Jewish Committee, and that previous to the beginning of such employment, GRIFFITH had been furnishing Mr. MALONEY with reports and material on some matters of subversion; further that Mr. MALONEY had made some arrangements with the Immigration authorities, New York City, for one of GRIFFITH's informants to be allowed special privileges in the visiting of certain alien enemies interned on Ellis Island, New York City. [redacted] New York field office Informant [redacted] and the alien enemies referred to were DR. ALBERT DEGENER and INA GOLDBERG, with aliases.

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[redacted] also indicated that GRIFFITH has undoubtedly continued to furnish Mr. MALONEY with some reports and material on subversive activities, but that such has not been done through him or the American Jewish Committee, and it could not be learned from [redacted] whether such was done at Mr. MALONEY's request or by GRIFFITH entirely on his own volition. Neither was [redacted] able to state just what was the subject matter of the report submitted by Mr. GRIFFITH to Mr. MALONEY. However, he stated that since GRIFFITH's becoming connected with the American Jewish Committee, Mr. MALONEY on several occasions has come to him, [redacted], for information and material concerning various of the twenty-eight persons indicted for sedition by the Special Grand Jury in Washington, D. C. during July 4, 1927.

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[redacted] upon contact by Special Agent Johnston L. Percy on January 2, 1942, in the course of discussion, disclosed that GRIFFITH had first met Mr. MALONEY upon his introduction about January of 1942. [redacted] it should be pointed out, is quite

[redacted] Mr. MALONEY, and has submitted considerable material to the Bureau and to the Department of Justice concerning "abuse of the franking privilege," and the activities and connections of Mr.

HAMILTON FISH, United States Congressman from the State of New York. Mr.

[redacted] indicated that GRIFFITH had requested introduction to Mr. MALONEY, and was desirous of making arrangements [redacted]

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[redacted] to be allowed special access in visiting the alien enemies previously mentioned, who were interned on Ellis Island, New York City. [redacted] MALONEY apparently made requested arrangements for such informant. [redacted] stated that he believes that since such time GRIFFITH has furnished Mr. MALONEY information and material on subversive activities, but he also indicated that he is not aware as to whether such was done at Mr. MALONEY's request or whether GRIFFITH does this out of courtesy and thanks to Mr. MALONEY for the latter's cooperation with him. [redacted] also stated that he is not informed as to the subject matter of the material submitted to Mr. MALONEY by GRIFFITH or as to whether GRIFFITH actually does any investigation at Mr. MALONEY's request.

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It should also be mentioned that both [redacted] indicated that GRIFFITH had come to see Mr. MALONEY on several occasions

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January 6, 1948

in Washington, D. C., although it was not stated as to whether his visits to Washington were for this specific purpose.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH

Assistant Director

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Date: January 29, 1943

To: SAC, New York

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: SANFORD GRIFFITH
ESPIONAGE - C

Reference is made to the Bureau letter of May 5, 1942, with which your office was furnished with photostatic copies of a letter from Mr. Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General, dated April 15, 1942.

You will note that certain investigative suggestions were made by Mr. Berge which have not as yet been followed by your office. It is noted particularly that Mr. Berge has suggested that a thorough interview be had with this subject and he be requested to account for his activities, particularly those which are of a questionable nature. For your information in this connection, the Bureau has been advised by Army authorities that the subject's services as a lecturer at Camp Ritchie have been terminated.

It is believed that an early interview should therefore be arranged with Mr. Sanford Griffith, that he be questioned along the lines as suggested in Mr. Berge's memorandum, and that, if nothing adverse is developed, this case be placed in a closed status. This matter should be given early investigative attention in order that this case may be brought to a conclusion.

Mr. Tolson _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CUNNINGHAM

Re: SANFORD GRIFFITH
ESPIONAGE - G

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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A review of the file reveals that investigation has been conducted concerning the above-captioned individual, and it is noted that a letter dated December 16, 1942 from the Assistant Director at New York stated that no further investigation would be conducted concerning this individual in view of his connection with the War Department.

This is to advise that Major Broadbent advised the writer that Sanford Griffith had been employed as a civilian lecturer at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, but that his services have been terminated at that place. He stated that in view of this fact, Griffith does not appear to be under the investigative jurisdiction of G-2.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this be forwarded to the Espionage Section for whatever action is deemed advisable.

Respectfully,

S. W. Reynolds
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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ASAC Kimball of the New York Office called at this time and advised that with reference to Mr. Sanford Griffith, head of the Market Analysis Incorporated who has been making a survey out on the island of different people, whether they would be interested in war jobs and so forth, the New York Office has received a letter from the New York Office of the War Manpower Commission. Mr. Kimball quoted a part of this letter as follows: "We are desirous of eliminating all surveys or other plans through which the public more or less believes are being sponsored by one of the federal agencies since this generally reflects upon the agency and certainly does not help public relations. If there is any action you can take in this matter, same would be greatly appreciated."

I told Kimball that he should acknowledge this letter by stating that there is nothing the Bureau can do but the matter is being referred to the Seat of Government where it may be called to the attention of the Attorney General for consideration.

Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES EARL, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There are enclosed herewith for your information photostatic copies of a letter directed to the New York Office of this Bureau under date of January 23, 1943, by Miss Lillian L. Poses, Regional Attorney, War Relocation Commission, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, New York. Also enclosed are photostatic copies of the material which Miss Poses forwarded to this Bureau with her communication, which indicates that Sanford Griffith recently conducted a survey in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, with reference to persons engaged in war work.

In acknowledgment of Miss Poses' letter, the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division advised that from a review of the information submitted by her, there appeared to be no basis upon which investigation could be instituted by this Bureau. However, she was advised that the material furnished by her would be forwarded to the Washington, D. C., headquarters of this Bureau and referred to the Attorney General for such further consideration as might be deemed appropriate.

With reference to Sanford Griffith, you are advised that the following investigative reports in the case entitled "Sanford Griffith; Espionage," have been submitted to the Department as indicated below:

Report of Special Agent R. H. Hodgkin dated July 17, 1940, at New York, New York, sent to Mr. Wendell Berge on April 2, 1942, by memorandum.

Report of Special Agent B. E. Sackett dated September 18, 1940, at New York, New York, sent to Mr. Wendell Berge on April 2, 1942, by memorandum.

Report of Special Agent James L. Pugh dated October 29, 1942, at New York, New York, sent to the Division of Records on January

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Memorandum for Mr. James Rowe, Jr.

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Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated
December 3, 1942, at Washington, D. C., sent
to the Division of Records on January 23, 1943.

For your information, it has also been determined that Griffith
has been working in an undercover capacity for the American Jewish
Committee, New York City, [redacted] in-
formation to this Bureau.

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You are advised that the Bureau has also learned that Griffith
is no longer employed by the War Department as reflected in the report
of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated December 3, 1942, at Washington, D. C.

No investigation will be conducted concerning the specific
activities of Griffith referred to in the attached photostated material
unless you so request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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January 29, 1943

W. J. Selch
J. E. Sizoo

Director, FBI

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

RE: SANFORD GRIFFITH
Market Analyst Inc.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation had by Assistant Special Agent in Charge HARRY M. KIMBALL with Mr. MUMFORD of the Bureau on January 28, 1943 at which time Mr. MUMFORD was advised that this office is in receipt of a letter together with enclosures, the contents of which are self-explanatory, from LILLIAN A. POSES, Regional Attorney, War Manpower Commission, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. together with a copy of my reply to Miss POSES dated January 29, 1943.

No further action is being taken in this regard by the New York Office in the absence of specific instructions to do so from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures

T. J. DONEGAN
Special Agent in Charge

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234 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, New York

January 29, 1943

Miss Lillian A. Poses
Regional Attorney
War Manpower Commission
11 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Poses:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
dated January 23, 1943.

Please be advised that from a review of the
information submitted by you there appears to be no basis
upon which an investigation can be instituted by this Bureau.
However, I am forwarding the matter furnished by you to the
Washington, D.C. headquarters of this Bureau where it can be
referred to the office of the Attorney General for such further
consideration as may be deemed appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

T. J. DONOGAN
Special Agent in Charge

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OFFICE OF THE
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

11 West 42 Street
New York, New York

January 23, 1943

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Building
Foley Square
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

We are attaching hereto copy of memorandum and various material that was submitted to this office by the United States Employment Office.

We are desirous of eliminating all surveys or other plans through which the public more or less believes are being sponsored by one of the Federal Agencies, since this generally reflects upon the agency and certainly does not help public relations.

If there is any action that you can take in this matter, same would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Lillian L. Poses
Lillian L. Poses
Regional Attorney

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Office of the
Local Manager

To: Geo. B. Seyfarth

Office 562

From: L. M. Cooley

Date 12/3/42

Mr. ~~Paul Gilbert~~ of Grumman phoned me stating that a situation existed in Suffolk County which he did not think was on the up and up, and further stated that the District Attorney of Suffolk County wished me to call him. I phoned the District Attorney's office and made an appointment to see Mr. Fred J. Munder, District Attorney and Mr. John Hulsen, General Investigator for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

They stated that a Mr. Sanford Griffith, who represents himself as being connected with Market Analysts, Inc., Fact Finding for Industry, Consumers Research, 8 West 40th Street, Room 2110 New York City, has a home in Huntington, Suffolk County, but also has quarters at the Huntington Hotel. Information has been received by the District Attorney's office that Mr. Griffith had engaged the services of about 20 women residing in Huntington, offering them \$5.00 per day, they to use their own car, to contact female residents of the Village of Huntington at their homes and secure the information called for on a questionnaire with which they were provided. Copy of this questionnaire is part of the correspondence I am including and has been marked with a red "1." These women attend meetings each afternoon in the Huntington Hotel. They have been told, from the information which the District Attorney has, that this information is being secured for war plants and later were told that if they were experiencing any difficulty in gaining admittance to homes that they would be supplied with identification furnished by the Sheriff's office of Suffolk County.

The District Attorney's office has conducted a preliminary investigation, part of which is incorporated in the correspondence I have marked with a red "2." They further contacted the Sheriff's office who said he had never met Mr. Griffith but had been called by him on the phone asking if he could have credentials from the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff, it is claimed, replied that if his proposition was legitimate there was no need of him having any credentials from his office, and if it was not legitimate, he most certainly would not be entitled to credentials. Mr. Griffith has made an appointment to call on the Sheriff at a later date and in the meantime sent him the correspondence which I have marked with a red "3."

When some of the women asked if publicity could be given to the survey, they were immediately told that that was the last thing he desired. One woman who became too inquisitive was discharged.

Part of the information I am giving you was obtained from a Mrs. McCarthy whom I visited upon the request of the District Attorney and who was one of the women formerly in Mr. Griffith's employ. The District Attorney feels that they cannot go any further with their investigation unless requested to do so by a Government Agency, and although they admit that they have not secured any definite information, they are inclined to believe from statements which Mr. Griffith's purportedly has made to various women, that the names obtained on this survey are to be sold to defense plants. If that was so, Mr. Griffith is, of course, definitely out of order. If he is simply securing this information for some Market Analyst Publication, his activities and tactics will not make our own efforts on recruitment or those of the State Department of Education any easier.

I also secured information that he is now trying to extend his activities to other parts of Suffolk County. In addition, I learned that a representative of his had visited the South Huntington High School as of yesterday. I called on Mr. Dodd Craft, Principal of that school who informed me that a Miss Zimmer from Mr. Griffith's office had been there yesterday and that on her request, he had allowed her to interview the girls senior class. Miss Zimmer distributed questionnaires to these girls asking for information regarding their parents and took the completed questionnaires away with her. Mr. Craft states that in this case names were not put on the questionnaires.

Mr. Griffith is described as being about sixty years of age, about five foot 8 to 10 inches in height, silvery haired, and apparently well educated. He claims to have been a Major in the Army Intelligence during the last war. As you will see from the correspondence marked "2" he has been under investigation prior to this time. Both the Grumman Corporation and the District Attorney's office are of the opinion that the information gathered is being sold to defense plants, although they have no definite proof to substantiate their claim. One of the District Attorney's investigators made a statement indicating that he believed that this man had had contacts with Republic. Once again, however, he has no definite proof.

I will attempt to get additional information on that angle from this end. I have not attempted to meet Mr. Griffith and will make no further move until advised by you.

(Signed) L. M. Cooley
L.M. Cooley,
Manager

LMC/dp

MARKET ANALYSTS, INC.

Fact Finding For Industry -- Consumer Research

8 West 40th Street
Room 2110

Longacre 5 (2997
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NEW YORK CITY

November 24, 1942

Mr. William McCollom
Sheriff of Suffolk County
Riverhead, New York

Dear Sir;

Enclosed are two copies of the questionnaire which we are pro-
testing in the Huntington area. You will see that the purpose of
these questions is to find out the extent to which people in the
county are unfamiliar with war industries here, and to find out the
kinds of hesitations they have about taking jobs in war plants,
and making an estimate at the probable amount of unused men and
women power in the area.

You tell me that you have already made an extensive survey of
transportation problems here. Should there be any additional ques-
tions which you feel might develop information useful to you we
would be happy to add them to our final questionnaire. Also, if in
this preliminary questionnaire there are items which you feel might
be developed more effectively I am sure alterations can be made.

As I mentioned over the telephone I would be happy to run out
to Riverhead to discuss further details with you.

We have made similar surveys in other areas, notably recently
in the Baltimore area. The results of this survey are appearing next
week in booklet form, published by the Public Affairs Committee.
They have already been published extensively in the New York Times
and the N.E.A. Syndicate.

Should there be further questions you can reach me at Huntington
2023 or at the Huntington Hotel.

Yours truly,

SANFORD GRIFFITH
Pres. of M.A.

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1. How long do you think the war will last? Years. One _____ Two _____
Three _____ More _____

2. Have you a job at present? Yes _____ No _____

3. If yes, what is it? _____

4. If you regard it as a non-essential job, would you consider taking a job in a vital war plant? Yes _____ No _____

5. Would you consider working in a war plant if you were convinced that your work were needed to help win the war? Yes _____ No _____

6. If you have doubts about your ability to work in a war plant, what are they? (Examples; physical handicap, keen dislike, social fears) _____

7. Have you already tried to get a war job and failed? Yes _____ No _____

8. Has anyone ever tried to interest you in taking a war factory job? Yes _____ No _____

9. What do your friends who have war jobs say about working conditions? _____

10. How does your husband (or father, or brother) feel about your taking a war job? _____

11. What would induce you to work in a defense plant?
(a) More Pay.
(b) Assured transportation
(c) Five-hours work instead of full day
(d) Companionship of friends or neighbors
(e) Other _____

12. Have you ever had a job or a hobby doing things with your hands?

Yes _____ No _____

13. Would you attend a training school course if you were paid while training?

Yes _____ No _____

14. What kinds of transportation would you have to go to work in the Bethpage-Farmingdale area?

Train _____ Bus _____ Private car _____

15. Would you be willing to work on the night shift if you could earn more money?

Yes _____ No _____

16. What close relatives have you in the armed services? _____

In war industry? _____

17. What local papers do you read? _____

None _____

18. How often do you go to your local movies? _____ per week;
per mon. _____

19. What daytime radio programs do you listen to?

(a) First choice ... _____

(b) Second choice .. _____

20. Name (optional) _____

21. Address _____

22. Age _____ Married _____ Single _____ Other _____

23. Number of children _____ Ages of children _____

24. Combined income of family: Up to \$1999 _____
\$2000 to \$4999 _____
\$5000 and over _____

25. Did your education terminate in: Grammar School _____ High School _____
College _____

26. How long have you lived in your present neighborhood? _____ Yrs. _____ Mons.

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF MARKET ANALYSTS INC. a/o SANFORD
GRIFFITH.

TO: FRED J. MUNDER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SUFFOLK CO., N. Y.

FROM: WM. H. GARDINER, INVESTIGATOR

SPECIAL REPORT

On orders of Chief Investigator John Hulsen, the assigned Investigator proceeded to the Huntington Hotel, Huntington, New York, at 9:20 A.M., this date, where the above named Corporation was holding a meeting under the direction of Mr. Sanford Griffith.

With the co-operation of the Hotel Management, I was able to listen to and hear parts of the statements made to the gathering, consisting of women and under the direction of Mr. Griffith, a young man and a woman.

When I arrived at the hotel, Mr. Griffith had just received a telephone call from New York City, after ascertaining his identity, I listened to his discussion on the telephone at which time he apparently was discussing with the person on the other end of the phone, about obtaining additional gas coupons for them and what was necessary for them to do to properly use them. He then returned to the meeting.

During the meeting he made different statements, the excerpts, of which I was able to hear, were as follows; "The physical handicapped can't get in the War plants"; "Find out who the person is and relationship"; "It's very helpful to have the name of the Personnel Director"; "Get the reason why she is working, when her son is"; "Find out how your husbands feel about taking war jobs"; "Find out if those in the armed forces hold any grievance against those in war plants".

This man was then interviewed by one of the local newspapers.

When he returned to the meeting, he stated that he had just been interviewed by one of the local newspapers and he was anxious not to have any publicity, and if any of the people at the meeting had any friends

on any of the newspapers, not to tell them anything as it will spoil the survey.

I then returned to the office and called the National Better Business Bureau, New York City, Murray Hill 6-3535, and spoke with a Mr. Burke. He advised me that their records showed that a permanent consent injunction was obtained in the New York Supreme Court by the Attorney-General, on February 18th, 1938, barring Griffith from trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Ascertained from the hotel records, after he had registered which was after the meeting had concluded, that he was Mr. Sanford Griffith, 8 West 40th. Street, New York City and a resident of Bay Avenue, Halesite, New York.

Learned from [redacted] through [redacted] that the above named subject was under investigation by Investigator Birmingham of the "Dies Committee" of the United States Congress. He has [redacted] [redacted] both the name of the Markey Analysts Inc. and in his own name.

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Respectfully submitted

WM. H. GARDINER

Dated: November 24th, 1942

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 12, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Sanford Griffith

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Kramer.....
Mr. McGuire.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....
Files.....

Your memorandum addressed to the Assistant to the Attorney General under date of February 17, 1943, was recently referred to the Criminal Division.

In view of the statement contained therein that Griffith is no longer employed by the War Department, it is requested that the Bureau proceed with the investigation outlined in the Criminal Division's memorandum dated April 15, 1942.

It is suggested that the Bureau ascertain, also, if the reason for the termination of the subject's employment by the War Department is pertinent to this investigation.

Information should likewise be developed concerning the nature of the subject's connection with "Austrian Action", since it is indicated in the report of Special Agent James L. Pugh, dated October 29, 1942, at New York City, that his activities on behalf of this organization may be such as require registration under the Voorhis Act or the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge
WENDELL BERGE
Assistant Attorney General

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To: SAC, New York
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: SANFORD GRIFFITH
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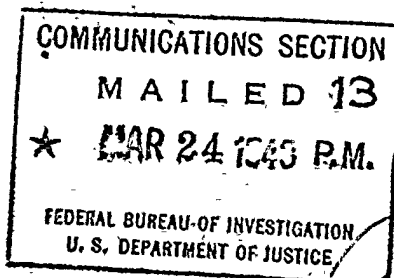
There are enclosed herewith copies of a memorandum dated March 12, 1943, addressed to the Bureau by Mr. Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General.

You will note that in my letter of January 23, 1943, you were instructed to follow the investigative suggestions contained in a memorandum from Mr. Wendell Berge which was forwarded to your office by letter dated May 5, 1942. You were also instructed to arrange an early interview with Mr. Sanford Griffith and question him along the lines suggested in Mr. Berge's memorandum.

It is desired that the interview with Mr. Griffith be arranged in the very immediate future and that consideration be also given to the interrogation of Mr. Griffith for information along the lines suggested in the memorandum dated March 12, 1943.

If nothing adverse is developed during the interview, the case may be placed in a closed status. You are instructed to see that this matter is given immediate attention and that a report is submitted to the Bureau within the next thirty days.

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Date: March 12, 1943
To: SAC, New York
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: SANFORD GRIFFITH
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Reference is made to the Bureau letter dated January 29, 1943, in which your attention was directed to the fact that your office has not as yet completed certain investigation suggested by Mr. Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General.

It is desired that this matter be given immediate attention in your office and that the requested interview with Mr. Sanford Griffith be conducted in the very near future. It is desired that a report be submitted in this matter within the next thirty days.

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Date: June 8, 1943

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

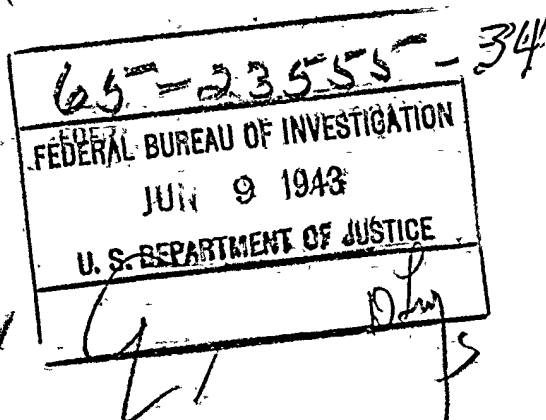
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Reference is made to the Bureau letter dated March 24, 1943, in which your office was instructed to submit a report within the next thirty days. A review of the Bureau's file fails to indicate that a report has been submitted to date.

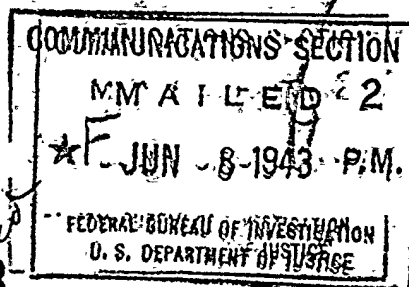
You are instructed to advise immediately when a report may be expected from your office.

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July 2, 1943

SAC, New York

RE: SANFORD GRIFFITH
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 21, 1943 in which you set forth reasons why you believed the subject should not be interviewed at this time.

It is noted that you advised that Confidential Informant [redacted] were furnishing your office with information concerning the activities of this subject. A review of the Bureau file discloses that the last investigative report submitted by your office is that of Special Agent James L. Pugh, dated October 29, 1942, at New York, New York. Subsequent to the date of Agent Pugh's report, no information has been received by the Bureau from your office in the form of an investigative report indicating what information was being furnished by these informants. b7D

In the Bureau's letter of March 24, 1943, your attention was called to the fact that Mr. Wendell Borge suggested an interview with the subject, and you were instructed to arrange for this interview and to place the case in a closed status if no adverse information was developed.

Since your letter of reference indicates that you desire to continue this investigation, it appears that your office is in possession of information not yet forwarded to the Bureau which indicates that this case justifies additional extensive investigation. The information available at the Bureau at this time fails to indicate a likelihood of a violation of one of the Espionage Acts, Registration Acts, or any other Federal law, and the Bureau is of the opinion that this case should be brought to a conclusion.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols

You are instructed, therefore, to submit an immediate investigative report setting forth all the information which has been developed by your office subsequent to the report of Agent Pugh, referred to above, in order that the Bureau may reach a decision as to the desirability of deferring an interview with the subject and continuing the investigation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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65-4098

June 21, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: SANFORD GRIFFITH
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to Bureau letter dated March 24, 1943, regarding the above captioned subject, wherein it was suggested that this office arrange an early interview with Mr. SANFORD GRIFFITH to question him along the lines suggested in a memorandum from Mr. WENDELL BERGE dated April 15, 1942.

From a review of the files of this office regarding subject GRIFFITH, it was learned that a confidential informant of this office, who is referred to as [redacted] and whose identity is known to the Bureau, [redacted] is SANFORD GRIFFITH. The informant file in this office which pertains to [redacted] reflects that said informant has furnished information which has been considered valuable, and further reflects that her services are still being used by agents of this office.

In a letter dated April 12, 1943 from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, it was stated, "Regarding SANFORD GRIFFITH, for your information, this individual is in no way connected at the present time with Military Intelligence Service, U. S. Army, although for a short time he was employed by the War Department in connection with Military Intelligence School, Camp Ritchie, Maryland. Furthermore, he has no authority whatsoever to procure information for the War Department. This office under date of April 1, 1943, advised the War Department of your interest in the subject and his associates, and insofar as this office is concerned, we contemplate no further action in this case." Enclosed with Confidential Informant's letter mentioned above was a report dated April 7, 1943, containing information regarding SANFORD GRIFFITH, CARL R. HOLTY, MARKET ANALYSTS, INC., 8 West 40th Street, this city, which was furnished Confidential Informant [redacted] of Government in the Brooklyn Preparatory School, [redacted] New York. In substance, this report indicates that O'CONNOR is being paid by subject to furnish GRIFFITH with information regarding Irish American activities, and according to Confidential Informant [redacted] has expressed his willingness to cooperate fully with [redacted] which might be interested in subject's activities.



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Director, FBI

June 21, 1943

Your attention is also invited to a letter from this office to the Bureau dated January 6, 1943, regarding the abovecaptioned subject wherein information obtained from one [redacted] this city, is set forth. According to Special Agent Johnstone L. Percy, who contacted [redacted] in January 2, 1943, Mr. [redacted] is very cooperative and is possibly in possession of more information regarding subject and his activities.

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Under date of April 19, 1943 Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished this office with additional information relative to the activities of SANFORD GRIFFITH. This informant stated that a Mr. NUTTER, assistant to a Mr. HUGHES of the New York office of Strategic Services, had reported that CARL HOLTY, who claimed he worked for GRIFFITH, called him recently, stating he had some important information about Europe.

During this conversation, [redacted] stated that GRIFFITH [redacted] are collecting information from returning refugees about economic and industrial conditions in Europe and particularly vital industries and bombing objectives. [redacted] further advised NUTTER that MAX HIRSCHBERG, 60 East 42d Street, a German attorney, is now working for GRIFFITH.

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In view of the fact that Confidential Informant [redacted] is presently [redacted] SANFORD GRIFFITH, this office believes that it is inadvisable to personally interview subject at the present time. It is believed that the information along the lines suggested in Mr. BERGE'S memorandum of April 15, 1942, and his subsequent memorandum of March 12, 1943, can be obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] mentioned above.

Unless advised to the contrary, subject, for the above reasons, will not be interviewed, and an effort to obtain the desired information will be made by interviewing the three individuals mentioned above.

This matter will be followed closely; and the Bureau will be advised promptly on all developments.

Very truly yours

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
SAC

cc NY File 62-7705

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 14, 1943

Mr. Tolson	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Sanford Griffith

Reference is made to the Criminal Division's memorandum of March 12, 1943, on the above-named subject suggesting certain investigation.

It is requested that the Criminal Division be furnished such reports as are now available in this matter.

Respectfully,

Wendell Berge
WENDELL BERGE
Assistant Attorney General

*memo to Berge
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To: Assistant Attorney General Wendell Dargo

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: SANFORD GRIFFITH

Reference is made to your memorandum of July 24, 1943, in which you requested that the Criminal Division be furnished with any reports which are now available.

This is to advise that investigation is continuing in this matter and reports will be forwarded to you as soon as they are received.

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Director, FBI

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Re: SANFORD GRIFFITH
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(Bureau file 65-23555)

Dear Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to Bureau letters to this office dated June 8, 1943, and July 2, 1943, respectively.

In a letter to the Bureau from this office dated June 21, 1943, Confidential Informant [redacted] were mentioned as possible sources from whom the information along the lines suggested in Mr. BERGE's memorandum of April 15, 1942, and his subsequent memorandum of March 12, 1943, could be obtained rather than personally interviewing SANFORD GRIFFITH himself. Evidently our letter was misinterpreted because the individuals mentioned above have not directly furnished this office with information pertaining to GRIFFITH. b7D

It is not our desire to continue this investigation, but rather to bring this case to a conclusion as soon as possible. Our desire to defer interviewing the subject was based upon the fact that Confidential Informant [redacted] GRIFFITH and we did not wish to risk losing the services of said informant by conducting such an interview.

This office will submit a closing investigative report by August first, setting forth all the information which has been developed subsequent to the report of Special Agent James L. Pugh, dated October 29, 1942; and will wait for advice from the Bureau in the event that further investigation is desired.

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Very truly yours,

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Date:

To: Mr. Wendell Berge
Assistant Attorney General

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: SANFORD GRIFFITH

Reference is made to previous correspondence between this Bureau and you concerning the captioned subject.

For your additional information, there is attached a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 5, 1943, at New York City in the case entitled "Sanford Griffith; Espionage - G."

No further investigation is contemplated in this matter in the absence of a specific request from you.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 8/5/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/29, 30/43	REPORT MADE BY
TITLE SANFORD GRIFFITH		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - G	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Review of files reflects that SANFORD GRIFFITH is in no way connected with Military Intelligence Service, U.S. Army although he was employed for a short time by the War Dept. in connection with Military Intelligence School, Camp Ritchie, MD. Other information pertaining to subject set forth. REFERENCE: Bureau file 65-23555. Bureau letter to New York dated 7/2/43. Report of Special Agent James L. Pugh, dated 10/29/42 at New York. DETAILS: The files of this office have been reviewed and information pertaining to subject, obtained subsequent to reference report, is herewith set forth. In a letter dated December 12, 1942 from Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, it was stated that subject was not personally employed by the War Department in any capacity and has no authority whatsoever to procure information for the War Department. LILLIAN L. POSES, Regional Attorney for the Office for Emergency Management, War Manpower Commission, directed a letter to this office on January 23, 1943, and attached thereto a copy of a memorandum and various material that was submitted to her office by the United States Employment Office. Her letter also stated, "We are desirous of eliminating all surveys or other plans through which the public more or less believes are being sponsored by one of the Federal Agencies, since this generally reflects upon the agency and certainly does not help public relations." The following memorandum and material attached to the above-mentioned letter is herewith set forth. A letter to GEORGE B. SEYFARTH from L. M. COOLEY, Manager of the Federal Security Agency, Social Security Board, United States Employment Service, dated December 3, 1942 reads: CLASSIFIED BY 323 BJS. G/H DECLASSIFY ON: 25X (1) (36370) CLASSIFIED BY 323 BJS. G/H DECLASSIFY ON: 25X (1) Appeal # 98-3356			
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"Mr. Paul Gilbert of Grumman phoned me stating that a situation existed in Suffolk County which he did not think was on the up and up, and further stated that the District Attorney of Suffolk County wished me to call him. I phoned the District Attorney's office and made an appointment to see Mr. Fred J. Munder, District Attorney and Mr. John Hulsen, General Investigator for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

"They stated that a Mr. Sanford Griffith, who represents himself as being connected with Market Analysts, Inc., Fact Finding for Industry, Consumers Research, 8 West 40th Street, Room 2110 New York City, has a home in Huntington, Suffolk County, but also has quarters at the Huntington Hotel. Information has been received by the District Attorney's office that Mr. Griffith had engaged the services of about 20 women residing in Huntington, offering them \$5.00 per day, they to use their own car, to contact female residents of the Village of Huntington at their homes and secure information called for on a questionnaire with which they were provided. Copy of this questionnaire is part of the correspondence I am including and has been marked with a red '1'. These women attend meetings each afternoon in the Huntington Hotel. They have been told, from the information which the District Attorney, has, that this information is being secured for war plants and later were told that if they were experiencing any difficulty in gaining admittance to homes that they would be supplied with identification furnished by the Sheriff's office of Suffolk County.

"The District Attorney's office has conducted a preliminary investigation, part of which is incorporated in the correspondence I have marked with a red '2'. They further contacted the Sheriff's office who said he had never met Mr. Griffith but had been called by him on the phone asking if he could have credentials from the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff, it is claimed, replied that if his proposition was legitimate there was no need of him having any credentials from his office, and if it was not legitimate, he most certainly would not be entitled to credentials. Mr. Griffith has made an appointment to call on the Sheriff at a later date and in the meantime sent him the correspondence which I have marked with a red '3'.

"When some of the women asked if publicity could be given to the survey, they were immediately told that that was the last thing he desired. One woman who became too inquisitive was discharged.

"Part of the information I am giving you was obtained from a Mrs. McCarthy whom I visited upon the request of the District Attorney and who was one of the women formerly in Mr. Griffith's employ. The District Attorney feels that they cannot go any further with their investigation unless requested to do so by a Government Agency, and although they admit that they have not secured any definite information, they are inclined to believe from statements which Mr. Griffith's purportedly has made to various women, that the names obtained on this survey are to be sold

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"to defense plants. If that was so, Mr. Griffith is, of course definitely out of order. If he is simply securing this information for some Market Analyst Publication, his activities and tactics will not make our own efforts on recruitment or those of the State Department of Education any easier.

"I also secured information that he is now trying to extend his activities to other parts of Suffolk County. In addition, I learned that a representative of his had visited the South Huntington High School as of yesterday. I called on Mr. Dodd Craft, Principal of that school who informed me that a Miss Zimmer from Mr. Griffith's Office had been there yesterday and that on her request, he had allowed her to interview the girls senior class. Miss Zimmer distributed questionnaires to these girls asking for information regarding their parents and took the completed questionnaires away from her. Mr. Craft states that in this case names were not put on the questionnaires.

"Mr. Griffith is described as being about sixty years of age, about five foot 8 to 10 inches in height, silvery haired, and apparently well educated. He claims to have been a Major in the Army Intelligence during the last war. As you will see from the correspondence marked '2' he has been under investigation prior to this time. Both the Grumman Corporation and the District Attorney's office are of the opinion that the information gathered is being sold to defense plants, although they have no definite proof to substantiate their claim. One of the District Attorney's investigators made a statement indicating that he believed that this man had had contacts with Republic. Once again, however, he has no definite proof.

"I will attempt to get additional information on that angle from this end. I have not attempted to meet Mr. Griffith and will make no further move until advised by you."

A Special Report to FRED J. MUNIER, District Attorney, Suffolk County, New York, from WILLIAM H. GARDINER, Investigator, dated November 24, 1942 reads:

"On orders of Chief Investigator John Hulsen, the assigned Investigator proceeded to the Huntington Hotel, Huntington, New York, at 9:20 A.M., this date, where the above-named Corporation was holding a meeting under the direction of Mr. Sanford Griffith.

"With the co-operation of the Hotel Management, I was able to listen to and hear parts of the statements made to the gathering, consisting of women and under the direction of Mr. Griffith, a young man and a woman.

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"When I arrived at the hotel, Mr. Griffith had just received a telephone call from New York City, after ascertaining his identity, I listened to his discussion on the telephone at which time he apparently was discussing with the person on the other end of the phone, about obtaining additional gas coupons for them and what was necessary for them to do to properly use them. He then returned to the meeting.

"During the meeting he made different statements, the excerpts, of which I was able to hear, were as follows; 'The physical handicapped can't get in the war plants'; 'Find out who the person is and relationship'; 'It's very helpful to have the name of the Personnel Director'; 'Get the reason why she is working, when her son is'; 'Find out how your husbands feel about taking war jobs'; 'Find out if those in the armed forces hold any grievance against those in war plants'.

"This man was then interviewed by one of the local newspapers. When he returned to the meeting, he stated that he had just been interviewed by one of the local newspapers and he was anxious not to have any publicity, and if any of the people at the meeting had any friends on any of the newspapers, not to tell them anything as it will spoil the survey.

"I then returned to the office and called the National Better Business Bureau, New York City, Murray Hill 6-3535, and spoke with a Mr. Burke. He advised me that their records showed that a permanent consent injunction was obtained in the New York Supreme Court by the Attorney-General, on February 18th, 1938, barring Griffith from trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Ascertained from the hotel records, after he had registered which was after the meeting had concluded, that he was Mr. Sanford Griffith, 8 West 40th. Street, New York City and a resident of Bay Avenue, Halesite, New York.

through [redacted] that the above named subject was under investigation by Investigator Birmingham of the Dies Committee of the United States Congress. He has [redacted] name of the Markey Analysts Inc. and in his own name."

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A copy of a letter to Mr. WILLIAM McCOLLOM, Sheriff of Suffolk County, Riverhead, New York, from SANFORD GRIFFITH, President of Market Analysts, Inc., 8 West 40th Street, New York City, dated November 24, 1942 reads:

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"Enclosed are two copies of the questionnaire which we are protesting in the Huntington area. You will see that the purpose of these questions is to find out the extent to which people in the county are unfamiliar with war industries here, and to find out the kinds of hesitations they have about taking jobs in war plants, and making an estimate at the probable amount of unused men and women power in the area.

"You tell me that you have already made an extensive survey of transportation problems here. Should there be any additional questions which you feel might develop information useful to you we would be happy to add them to our final questionnaire. Also, if in this preliminary questionnaire there are items which you feel might be developed more effectively I am sure alterations can be made.

"As I mentioned over the telephone I would be happy to run out to Riverhead to discuss further details with you.

"We have made similar surveys in other areas, notably recently in the Baltimore area. The results of this survey are appearing next week in booklet form, published by the Public Affairs Committee. They have already been published extensively in the New York Times and the N.E.A. Syndicate.

"Should there be further questions you can reach me at Huntington 2023 or at the Huntington Hotel."

The questionnaire mentioned in the above-quoted letter from SANFORD GRIFFITH is entitled "Preliminary War Industries Questionnaire for Long Island" and at the top of said questionnaire appears the name Market Analysts, Inc., 8 West 40th Street, New York City, phone Longacre 5-2997. Said questionnaire contains the following questions:

- "1. How long do you think the war will last? Years. One ☐ Two ☐
Three ☐ More ☐
- "2. Have you a job at present? Yes ☐ No ☐
- "3. If yes, what is it? _____
- "4. If you regard it as a non-essential job, would you consider taking a job in a vital war plant? Yes ☐ No ☐
- "5. Would you consider working in a war plant if you were convinced that your work were needed to help win the war? Yes ☐ No ☐
- "6. If you have doubts about your ability to work in a war plant, what are they? (Examples: physical handicap, keen dislike, social fears)
- "7. Have you already tried to get a war job and failed? Yes ☐ No ☐
- "8. Has anyone ever tried to interest you in taking a war factory job? Yes ☐ No ☐
- "9. What do your friends who have war jobs say about working conditions?
- "10. How does your husband (or father, or brother) feel about your taking a war job? _____

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- "11. What would induce you to work in a defense plant?
(a) More Pay.....
(b) Assured transportation.....
(c) Five-hours work instead of full day.....
(d) Companionship of friends or neighbors.....
(e) Other.....
- "12. Have you ever had a job or a hobby doing things with your hands?
Yes _____ No _____
- "13. Would you attend a training school course if you were paid while training? Yes _____ No _____
- "14. What kinds of transportation would you have to go to work in the Bethpage-Farmingdale area? Train _____ Bus _____ Private car _____
- "15. Would you be willing to work on the night shift if you could earn more money? Yes _____ No _____
- "16. What close relatives have you in the armed services? _____
In war industry?.....
- "17. What local papers do you read? _____ None _____
- "18. How often do you go to your local movies? _____ per week; _____
Per mon. _____
- "19. What daytime radio programs do you listen to?
(a) first choice.....
(b) second choice.....
- "20. Name (optional) _____
- "21. Address _____
- "22. Age _____ Married _____ Single _____ Other _____
- "23. Number of children _____ Ages of children _____
- "24. Combined income of family: Up to \$1999 _____
\$2000 to \$4999 _____
\$5000 and over _____
- "25. Did your education terminate in: Grammar School _____ High School _____
College... _____
- "26. How long have you lived in your present neighborhood? _____ Yrs. _____ Mons."

In a letter dated April 12, 1943 from Confidential Informant ☐ whose identity is known to the Bureau, regarding "SANFORD GRIFFITH; CARL R. HOLTY; Market Analysts, Inc., 8 West 40th Street, New York City", it is stated that SANFORD GRIFFITH is in no way connected at the present time with Military Intelligence Service, United States Army although for a short time he was employed by the War Department in connection with Military Intelligence School, Camp Ritchie, Maryland. Furthermore he had no authority whatsoever to procure information for the War Department. Confidential Informant ☐ further states that on April 1, 1943 the War Department was advised of the Bureau interest in subject and his associates and no further action in this case is contemplated by Confidential Informant ☐

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Enclosed with Confidential Informant [] letter, dated April 12, 1943, was a summary of information, dated April 7, 1943 which is herewith quoted:

1. One of Confidential Informant [] representatives was approached []
[] Brooklyn, N.Y., in regard to the activities of the Subjects. [] is a graduate of [] Jersey City, N.J. and holds a [] and has been [] for approximately a year. He became known to this officer as a consequence of the fact that the officer graduated from this high school and knows many members of the teaching staff. [] is believed to have worked for approximately four years as an [] His personal reliability is not definitely known, but his information is believed to be accurate.

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"2. [] was approached during the first week of February 1943 by Dr. EMANUEL CHAPMAN, Professor of Philosophy, at Fordham University, who has been known to [] for several years. CHAPMAN, who has previously been associated with several 'smear' undertakings and was editor of the magazine 'Equality', suggested to [] that it would be well for him to go to see one CARL HOLTY whom he would find of great interest. It would appear that HOLTY became known to CHAPMAN through Dr. DIETRICH VON HILDEBRANDT, Professor of History at Fordham University, who is known to be a pro-Hapsburg and pro-monarchist. Von HILDEBRANDT lives at 448 Central Park West, N.Y.C., telephone, Acadamey 2-1274, where he holds bi-weekly soires which have apparently been attended by HOLTY and CHAPMAN.

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"3. [] went to see HOLTY at his office, 8 West 40th Street, N.Y.C., 21st floor, Longacre 5-2997 and Longacre 5-2972. [] states that HOLTY explained to him that he was born in Germany of American parents who were originally from Wisconsin. He graduated from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. HOLTY has been married twice, his present wife being a Hungarian Jewess who has extensive property holdings in Hungary, now in the hands of the Enemy Property Custodian. HOLTY is believed to live at 509 West 155th Street, N.Y.C., Edgecombe 4-8453. HOLTY, after ascertaining [] background, said that he thought he could do some interesting work for them checking on Irish-American activities. [] agreed and was later introduced to SANFORD GRIFFITH who is believed to live at Bay Avenue, Halside, Long Island, Huntington 2023. GRIFFITH took pains to explain to [] that he had been a Major in Military Intelligence in the last war and was in charge of the interrogation of German prisoners. He stated that he had lectured recently at a camp in Texas on prisoners of war interrogation; it is believed that this is Camp Bowie, Texas, and that the lecture was given before the Third Army Prisoners of War School. GRIFFITH stated that he had also lectured at an Intelligence camp somewhere in Maryland on interrogation of prisoners; it is believed that this is the Military Intelligence Training Center at Camp Ritchie, Maryland. HOLTY and GRIFFITH also stated upon several occasions that 'FBI men are in here all the time' and implied that they

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"worked closely with Intelligence agencies of the federal government. HOLTY told [] recently, that a man, believed to be an agent of the Irish Republican Army, had been picked up by a German submarine off Rockaway Beach and is now in Spain.

"4. [] has visited the office of the MARKET ANALYSTS six times and on one occasion was paid \$20. in cash and on two other occasions \$10. in cash. This money was to cover his expenses and to 'hide him over'. One one occasion when in the office of the MARKET ANALYSTS, [] met Miss BARBARA KRUEGER who is believed to live in a hotel at Central Park West and West 85th Street, N.Y.C. Miss KRUEGER is apparently one of GRIFFITH's agents and she is described as approximately 35 years of age, brown eyes, a former actress from Switzerland who speaks three languages. It is believed that she is married but is not living with her husband. Another person seen in GRIFFITH's office was an employee of the NEW YORK TIMES who used to work in the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM. This individual has been with the NEW YORK TIMES approximately three weeks and is employed in drawing war maps.

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"5. Among the [] was requested to make, and for which he is to be compensated, are a check on the present whereabouts in the U.S. Army of former members of the so-called 'Christian Front', in particular, the present station of JOHN CASSIDY who was one of the defendants in the 'Front' trials in Brooklyn. He was also asked on one occasion by HOLTY if he knew what a shortwave radio set is. In this connection he was told to go to JAMES A. Mc GEE's PRINT SHOP, 161 East 123rd Street, N.Y.C., Telhigh 4-5032. It was stated to [] that Mc GEE has a shortwave radio set. [] was also told to check MERTON WEIR, a printer, also known as ROSTOCKI PRESS, of 3310 Third Avenue, Bronx, Dayton 3-6192. It was stated by GRIFFITH that WEIR was the publisher of material for JOE McWILLIAMS, well known anti-semitic agitator. It is believed that WEIR lives at 1109 Clay Avenue, Bronx. On another occasion [] was told to check the GLOBE PRINTING Co., 161 Maiden Lane, New York City, Whitehall 3-4770. It was stated that this company was printing subversive, that is anti-semitic literature. Great interest was expressed by GRIFFITH in the activities of the IRISH COUNSEL GENERAL in New York and possible relations between him and the Reverend CHARLES E. COUGHLIN and Reverend EDWARD LODGE CURRAN, the latter allegedly associated with the 'Caelic-American', a weekly newspaper. GRIFFITH wished to ascertain whether the Irish government was supplying money to these two priests. Further, GRIFFITH claimed to have information about 50 Irish monks believed to be Dominicans who were said to be sympathetic to the Irish Republican Army. Also interest was expressed in the 'AID TO IRELAND ASSOCIATION' located in the Hotel Times Square, N.Y.C., and said to be operated by one, ITA GALLENDER. Information was also requested about various Roman Catholic priests in Brooklyn and Queens who were suspected by GRIFFITH of subversive activities. At one time GRIFFITH asked [] to check on the activities of the 'Catholic International', a magazine.

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"published by one, DAVID GORDON, a Jewish convert to Catholicism, who is believed to have been, before his conversion, connected with the dissemination of pornographic literature. In regard to GORDON, [redacted] was told that it was not necessary to make any further check, as Miss KRUEGER had GORDON where she wanted him".

"6. [redacted] has expressed his willingness to cooperate fully with any agency which might be interested in the Subjects' activities."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] in a letter dated April 13, 1943, referred to page 5 of reference report wherein information was set forth to the effect that IR. [redacted] reported to have ejected one SANFORD GRIFFITH from his home for making pro-Nazi statements.

In said letter of Confidential Informant [redacted] it was stated that IR. J. FOSTER KENNEDY, 410 East 57th Street, New York City, was interviewed in connection with the conducting of an unrelated investigation at which time it was learned that the person whom [redacted] had forcibly ejected from his home was not SANFORD GRIFFITH as mentioned in reference report but was one STANTON GRIFFIS, well known Wall Street financier, and at present chairman of the Executive Board of Paramount Pictures with offices at 15 Broad Street, New York City. In a letter dated May 7, 1943 regarding EMANUEL K. BERMAN; SANFORD GRIFFITH, MARKET ANALYSTS, INC., from Confidential Informant [redacted] the following information was set forth:

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"GRIFFITH was at one time employed in some capacity with the War Department, connected with Camp Ritchie, and is still permitting people to infer that he is working closely with the Military Intelligence.

"EMANUEL K. BERMAN is an attorney of 73 Tremont St., Boston, Mass., who was mentioned in previous reports as MANNY BERMAN, alleged to be the principal financial backer of the New York Coordinating Committee for Democratic Action, which organization employed as one of its principals MAURICE ROSENBLATT.

"This office has come into possession of photostats of telegrams sent by GRIFFITH to BERMAN, supplied by a confidential source rated [redacted] some of which telegrams indicate that GRIFFITH was attempting to secure a commission for BERMAN and to place him in the school at Camp Ritchie. This office also has access to photostats of two checks drawn by EMANUEL K. BERMAN to the order of SANFORD GRIFFITH in the amount of \$500 each. Copy of one telegram from GRIFFITH to BERMAN is appended herewith."

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The telegram referred to in the above-quoted letter from Confidential Informant [redacted] was dated July 4, 1942, and was addressed to MANUEL K. BERMAN, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, and was signed SANIM and reads as follows:

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"YOU CAN BE IN FIRST SCHOOL IF YOU WISH. JUST RETURN FROM CAMPRITCHIE
SUGGEST YOU VISIT CAMP BEFORE OPENING SCHOOL TO GET ACQUAINTED AND
SETTLE PROBLEMS. LET ME KNOW WHEN SUIT YOU COME HERE AND GO RITCHIE"

In a letter dated April 19, 1943, from Confidential Informant [] it was stated that WILLEM LOUIS NEDERHOED was interrogated by the Exclusion Hearing Board of the Second Service Command and during the interrogation, he stated that he had been employed by SANFORD GRIFFITH, who "works for Military Intelligence" and advised that his (NEDERHOED's) contacts with Japanese officials were for the benefit of the Intelligence.

A report dated April 10, 1943 regarding SANFORD GRIFFITH's contacts with the Office of Strategic Services was attached to the letter of April 19, 1943 from Confidential Informant [] and said report reads:

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"Mr. NUTTER, assistant to MR. HUGHES of O.S.S. enquired whether SANFORD GRIFFITH is connected with M.I.S. or any government agency.

"On calling on MR. NUTTER he advised me that a MR. CARL HOLTY, who claimed he worked for GRIFFITH, called him up recently and stated that he had some important information about Europe. HOLTY had apparently known MR. NUTTER in Europe and spoke as if they had known each other in Paris.

"When he called on MR. NUTTER, HOLTY brought a large scale map of Munich on which he had marked in red areas covered by vital industries. The information was not precise and apparently dated before the war. What further attracted O.S.S. attention was HOLTY's story that GRIFFITH and himself are collecting information from returning refugees about economic and industrial conditions and particularly vital industries and bombing objectives. The Munich information HOLTY said came from MAX HIRSCHBERG, 60 East 42nd St., a German lawyer and he left with NUTTER a letter from HIRSCHBERG, who HOLTY said worked with GRIFFITH.

"HOLTY stated definitely that GRIFFITH and he are close to Government Agencies and they were going to Washington on the 8th for a conference. At present they are doing a lot of work in connection with Irish activities and are also developing the Austrian situation."

The letter from MAX HIRSCHBERG mentioned above was addressed to Mr. CARL R. HOLTY, MARKET ANALYSTS, INC., 8 West 40th Street, Room 2110, New York City, was dated March 2, 1943 and reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Holty,

"following our conference of yesterday I give you upon your request some personal dates:

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"I am born in Munich Germany in 1883 and practiced there law as a lawyer from 1911 to 1933. I left Nazi-Germany in April 1934 after six months in prison because of my anti-Nazi activities.

"From 1919 to 1933 I fought in many hundreds of political cases against German Rightists, Fascists and Nazis. I was the lawyer of the 'Frankfurter Zeitung', 'Berliner Tageblatt' and other democratic newspapers. I published many articles in 'Frankfurter Zeitung' and other democratic papers, besides many scientific articles in Criminology and Criminal Psychology in 'Periodical for Criminal Psychology' and 'Archiv for Criminology.'

"Under the big political trials in which I was the defending lawyer for democratic defendants was the famous 'Trial about the Legend of the Stab in the Back' in 1925. We tried to kill the lie of the stab in the back of the allegedly victorious German Army of 1918. As you probably know, all the German Fascists and especially Hitler in nearly every speech until today says that the German Army was victorious, but had been killed from behind. Main witnesses in this trial were General v. Kuhl, Admiral v. Trotha, the famous historian Prof. Delbruck, representatives Scheidemann, Wels, Noske, Landsberg, Auer etc.

"In 1928 and 1930 I fought a big trial against Adolf Hitler personally, lasting five days, about his suspicious financial resources, especially his relations to Mussolini.

"Together with my colleague I had several trials against Ernst Roehm, killed by his friend Hitler later on on June 30, 1934. The topic was his homosexual excesses.

"I defended the democratic 'Reichsbanner' in numerous trials.

"I entered the United States as a legal immigrant with my family on March 26, 1939 and I am residing since at 11701 Park Lane South, Kew Gardens, L.I. atp. 4 a Bldg. D. My alien registration card is No. 1270805. My office as an investment adviser is at 60 East 42 Str. r. 2120 New York City.

"In the USA I published so far two articles about Criminology and one letter to the Editor of New York Times about the fake German Whitebook.

"I would be glad to continue my long fight against the Nazis here and to settle some personal accounts with them, but in the first line I wish to serve the cause of the United States in this fight against Fascism and Nazism in every way I can."

With the information set forth in this report the Bureau is now in possession of all available information regarding the subject. In view of the fact that said information fails to indicate any likelihood of a violation of one of the Espionage Statutes, Registration Act or any other Federal law, this office is of the opinion that this case should be closed.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
September 1, 1943

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Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I called [redacted] at New York on the afternoon Tele. Room of August 31, 1943, and told him that two of our Agents had contacted Sanford Griffith in New York, that Griffith seemed a bit nonplused when the Agents first called on him. [redacted] stated that he had seen Griffith, that Griffith had told [redacted] about it, that he, [redacted] had told Griffith that this was undoubtedly due to a conversation [redacted] had with me. *W. B. Nichols* b7D

[redacted] stated that he suggested to Griffith that he turn all of John Hinshaw's memoranda over to me, which Griffith intends to do. Griffith advised [redacted] that he only gave perfunctory information to the Agents who called on him due to a certain incident which occurred in New York which left him with misgivings so far as one or two of our Agents were concerned.

Griffith will be in Washington about the end of this week or the first of next week and at that time he will give me the memoranda of John Hinshaw, further, Griffith will at that time give me the details of the incident involving the two Agents about which he has misgivings. In this regard Griffith will get up a memo on this incident which he will bring with him when he comes to Washington.

Respectfully,

W. B. Nichols
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 30, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: Sanford Griffith

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Mr. Starke ☐
Mr. Quinn Tamm ☐
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Mr. Nease ☐
Miss Beahm ☐
Miss Gandy ☐

Special Agent Robert Granville of the New York office called late this afternoon. In my absence, he read to Mr. McGuire a memorandum furnishing the information requested by me this morning, which was obtained in an interview had this afternoon by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] with Sanford Griffith. SA Granville reported as follows:

The above-captioned individual was interviewed today by Special Agents [redacted] of this office. At the outset of the interview, Griffith, prior to an opening affording the Agents an opportunity to express the nature of their visit, advised the Agents that he believed that they were undoubtedly calling upon him for the purpose of obtaining information concerning "the leak that made certain information available." Griffith was advised that the purpose of the interview was to obtain information which he had obtained through investigation concerning Gerald L. K. Smith. Upon being informed of this, Griffith became highly excited and was obviously considerably disturbed over the purpose of the Agents' interview. Griffith admitted that he had obtained information concerning Gerald L. K. Smith, but stated that it was all second-hand information and that he had been requested by certain principals, the identity of whom he did not wish to disclose, to conduct an investigation concerning this individual. Griffith stated that the reason for employing him, Griffith, was that he, Griffith, had had considerable experience in investigating so-called "crackpot religious organizations." He then stated that he presumed the purpose of obtaining this information for the Bureau was political. He was definitely advised as to the scope of the Bureau's interest in the investigation in no uncertain terms, namely, that the Bureau was only interested in sabotage, espionage, and related matters of a subversive nature. Griffith stated that before he could turn any information over to the Bureau he would have to obtain permission from his principals, and he suggested that an appointment be made with him for Wednesday, September 1, 1943, at 3 p.m. at which time he would turn this information over to the reporting Agents. This was agreed upon. Griffith was then questioned as to whether he had in his employ an investigator by the name of John Hinshaw. Griffith stated that he had more or less inherited Hinshaw. He stated he had only seen Hinshaw twice in his life. He admitted that Hinshaw has conducted some



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investigations concerning Gerald L. K. Smith, and that he has interviewed Smith and others in Smith's organization and has furnished some information concerning Smith. This information will be made available to Agents on September 1, 1943. Mr. Griffith tried to convey the impression that he disliked Hinshaw, that his connection with him was extremely casual and accidental. It was apparent that Griffith's excited attitude was due to the fact that he believed Agents were there to interview him concerning a leak which he made reference to at the outset of the interview, and it is further believed that when Griffith is interviewed on September 1, 1943, possibly this information will be available in his files. He was questioned with respect to the leak after completion of the interview and at that time he was very evasive and declined to comment any further upon this matter. In the event the information concerning the alleged leak is not available in the files of Griffith at the time he is re-interviewed on September 1, 1943, he will be questioned in detail concerning this matter. It is the opinion of Agents [redacted] that Griffith is very much in favor of the Bureau and if a demand upon him is made for this information he will immediately produce it without any difficulty. b6 b7C

Respectfully,


L.B. Nichols

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ADDENDUM : I talked to [redacted] about Griffith's lack of cooperation. [redacted] also talked to Griffith. Griffith is coming to Washington the latter part of the week and will bring all the files with him. Accordingly, I told Donegan to have the agents forget about their appointment with Griffith today.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York 7, New York

WAC:VCD/FSR
65-4098

November 11, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: ^①SANFORD GRIFFITH
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

The following information was received from Confidential Informant
whose identity is known to the Bureau.

"In the Spring of 1941 SANFORD GRIFFITH proposed to EUGENE HOUDRY, President of France Forever, to aid this organization in its propaganda and membership.

"GRIFFITH stated that his personal services would be free but that he would naturally expect his expenses to be reimbursed. Upon learning from GRIFFITH that he had been connected with G.H.Q. at Chaumont during the last war, in G-2, HOUDRY accepted this offer.

"Market Analysts' immediately moved in its personnel, consisting of FRANCIS HENSON, WALTER VARNEY, GEORGE RHEIMS, and a secretary. GRIFFITH organized a banquet at a large hotel and from the guests present named an American Committee. This action led to a lot of bickering because in some cases the people were not even asked but were put on by GRIFFITH.

"His next venture was to furnish a list of Congressmen and Senators among whom he proposed to lobby for France Forever. This was the excuse for the Washington office and the subsequent office expenses.

"GRIFFITH organized another banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria where he had DOROTHY THOMPSON as a speaker. These activities of GRIFFITH were costing France Forever from \$600 to \$800 per month.

"In April 1941 it was discovered that the men used by GRIFFITH for so called propaganda purposes - HENSON, VARNEY, RHEIMS and MAC AREE were in reality using the organization's files and collecting information from newly arrived travellers from France and Europe for GRIFFITH who was giving or selling this information to other sources. The executive committee of France Forever stopped their stenographers from writing GRIFFITH's reports unless a copy was furnished to them. This led to a fight between GRIFFITH and the committee and all official connection between the two parties was ended in the summer of 1941.



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"GRIFFITH at no time refunded anything to France Forever or to HOUDRY who paid the expenses and GRIFFITH was paid in full for all services rendered and expenses incurred."

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The foregoing information, if true, would indicate that possibly subject performed services for the organization known as France Forever in violation of the Registration Act, applying to propaganda agents of foreign principals. However, France Forever, concerning which considerable information has previously been furnished the Bureau, is not a foreign principal but is a United States organization understood to be registered with the Attorney General in connection with its activities as a propaganda organization for the Fighting French movement of General CHARLES DE GAULLE.

Attention is further called to the fact that extensive investigation of the activities of SANFORD GRIFFITH has been conducted in the case entitled "SANFORD GRIFFITH, Espionage (G)", Bureau file No. 65-23555, which investigation was closed with the report of Special Agent [redacted], made at New York City August 5th, 1943.

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No further action is being taken in this matter by the New York Office and the foregoing is submitted for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
(wrm)

E. E. CONROY,
SAC

cc: NY 100-20530

Detroit, Michigan
October 21, 1943.

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October 10, 1943 this source held a conversation with Jacob ~~Spolansky~~. Spolansky stated that the communists have retained a man who is known as "Sandy" Griffiths to do undercover work for their control commission.

He stated that this Griffiths is not a Party member but works for the Commission; that he has a stable of women working for him; that these women will be used to work on men like Gerald L.K. ~~Smith~~ and others whom the communists want to get the goods on. His headquarters will be New York City.

Oct. 17, 1943 this writer learned that the latest issue of the Packard ~~WANA~~ paper carried an attack on John W. ~~Koss~~ and William ~~Dowells~~, both employees of the Ford Westapo. The writer will get a copy of same at the earliest chance.

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January 4, 1944

SAC, New York

RE: SANFORD GRIFFITH
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Dear Sir:

During October, 1943, information was received at the Bureau from a confidential outside source. This information is to the effect that Jacob Spolensky, a private investigator, who is operating between Detroit and New York City, made statements reflecting that the Communists have retained an individual known as "Sandy" Griffiths to do undercover work for their control commission. According to the source, Spolensky, stated among other things that Griffiths is not a Party member, but that he is presently working for the above commission. He also reportedly made statements reflecting that Griffiths has at the present time a number of women working for him, which women are used to obtain information for the Communists concerning such individuals as Gerald L. K. Smith and others. Griffiths' headquarters at the present time are reportedly in New York City.

The "Sandy" Griffiths mentioned is believed to be identical with Sanford Griffith, the subject of New York File #65-4098, which file is presently in a closed status. The activities of Sanford Griffith are, of course, well known to the New York Office.

For the benefit of the Detroit Office, Sanford Griffith is presently the President of Market Analysis, Inc., which is located in New York City. This organization is reportedly a research bureau concerned only with economic matters. It is known, however, that Griffith has engaged in the past in considerable private investigative work. He has reportedly been connected in an undercover capacity with British Secret Service in this country. He was also at one time reported to have been working for "Austrian Action", an organization created for the re-establishment of Austria. He is also alleged to have been connected with the organizations interested in the Free French Movement in the United States. Information is also available reflecting that at one time he was connected with the American Jewish Committee in New York City. (u)

The Detroit Office will recall, in connection with the investigation of Gerald L. K. Smith, it was learned in September, 1943, that he was

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contacted by two women giving their names as Dr. Duncan and Barbara Krueger. It will also be recalled that Gerald L. K. Smith became somewhat incensed because he felt that he was being intentionally trapped by individuals who were attempting to make it appear that he was pro-Nazi in his sentiments and that this information was later called to the attention of the Detroit Office by Gerald L. K. Smith personally.

In connection with the investigation of Joseph L. McWilliams, information was received reflecting that Sanford Griffith, a paid investigator, had working for him a woman named Gertrude Duncan. It is believed that Gertrude Duncan is possibly identical with the woman who gave her name as Dr. Duncan who contacted Gerald L. K. Smith in Detroit. This information lends credence to the information received from the confidential outside source mentioned above, to the effect that "Sandy" Griffiths has been working for him at the present time.

In view of Sanford Griffith's known background, the possibility that he is identical with "Sandy" Griffiths, and the fact that some of the information furnished by the confidential outside source is substantiated, the New York Office is instructed to conduct an immediate investigation with a view of attempting to develop his connections with the Communist Party.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC - Detroit

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

September 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

In connection with the allegation made by Sanford Griffith that agents of the Bureau had tipped off Father Brophy on the contents of a letter he had written to Mrs. Duncan, which was in turn given to the American Jewish Congress and which supposedly had been turned over to the FBI, I wish to advise that I instructed the New York office to have agents go to the American Jewish Congress, ask for copies of the letter and determine whether the letter had ever been given to us.

Last evening Agent Wiand of the New York Office called, advising that agents had called on Carl Sherman, Chairman of the Board of the American Jewish Congress, yesterday. Sherman in turn had the agents talk to Mrs. Schneeborg (spelling phonetic), secretary to Miss Schultz. There is a photostatic copy of a letter signed by Father Brophy dated October 4, 1942, which undoubtedly is the same letter judging from its contents. There is no indication in their files that this letter was ever turned over to the Bureau. Mrs. Schneeborg says she does not know it was ever turned over to the Bureau. She contacted Miss Schultz, who is home ill with a nervous breakdown, who did not recall it being turned over to the Bureau but stated that possibly one of their investigators, named Kirschbaum (phonetic) who handles subversive activities for the organization, might have done so. It so happened that Kirschbaum, who is in the Army, called the office of the American Jewish Congress on another matter and was asked if he had given us this letter. He said he had no recollection although he felt Miss Schultz might have given it to someone in Mr. Forth's office.

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This, of course, is not substantiated and I think since Miss Schultz has no recollection, since we have no copy of it in our New York office, we can take the positive stand that the letter has not been turned over to us. If you approve, I would like to call Sanford Griffith down here and ask him how many others he has told the story to and make him tell each one that he didn't know what he was talking about. I would also like to tell [redacted] and the whole crowd off and all do so, unless advised to the contrary.

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Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

by

You will recall that we had two items pending with [redacted] and the Anti-Defamation League. The first has to do with the allegation that a Dr. Gertrude Duncan received a letter from Father Xrophy and turned the letter over to the American Jewish Congress and in turn the letter was turned over to the FBI and shortly thereafter, Father Xrophy was informed by a contact in the FBI. Our investigation showed that we had never received the letter from the Congress and therefore, could not have turned this over to Xrophy if we had wanted to. [redacted] was told at that time that Sandy Griffith and the whole crowd either had to put up or shut up. He has since then informed me that Griffith is anxious about the matter, that Dr. Duncan is worried about it, that they have circulated the story and that the FBI who knew the story has been told that it was untrue.

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Sandy Griffith

Secondly, Dr. Duncan gave Richman a memorandum which referred to Mr. S. J. Connelly as Miss Colombo, which is incorrect as her name is Xuzzio, and inferred that through Mr. Connelly Leo Xealey, the defense counsel for the Christian Front, was being tipped off in advance. The story has been proved to be utterly untrue.

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I called [redacted] in recently and told him that the story was untrue; that we were wondering if there is something behind the circulation of these rumors that would infringe upon the character and reputation of other FBI loyal representatives as well as the FBI itself; that we were of the opinion that the only way to handle the matter was by a Grand Jury inquiry which would give Dr. Duncan the right to either put up or shut up. [redacted] became very much excited and irritated over this and stated that would be the worse thing in the world to do. [redacted] stated he would prefer to call Dr. Duncan in or that he would go to Dr. Duncan and make her put up or shut up. I told him that I thought the best thing to do was to have the Grand Jury inquiry; that the Director was pretty much disgusted with the whole situation and we were sick and tired of having rumors being spread by a bunch of incompetent individuals who when forced to put up always run for cover. [redacted] stated that it would mean the ruination of him if we did have the Grand Jury inquiry since Dr. Duncan was a confidential informant of Sandy Griffith's; that he really had no right to tell us

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what she had said. I tore into [redacted] on this and asked him what [redacted] He insisted and promised that he was not a fair weather friend, that it would discredit him with his own people.

[redacted] went to New York that afternoon and was up there for about three days. Upon his return, he called me and stated that he had talked to Dr. Duncan and that she said that she might have gotten the names mixed up. Doctor Duncan was scared to death about the whole thing and Sandy Griffith was scared about it and he was angry at [redacted] for his talking.

[redacted] stated again that he hoped we would not go through with the Grand Jury inquiry. I told him that I thought we should go through with it, but that I would talk to the Director about it, but the Director, of course, might have a different view. [redacted] asked us again to call Dr. Duncan in. I told him that we had her statement in writing.

I recommend that the New York Office be immediately instructed to go to the American Jewish Congress and demand Dr. Duncan's reports that were made involving Mrs. Connelley. Secondly, I recommend that I tell [redacted] that after I recommended to the Director that the Grand Jury inquiry to be made, the Director has stated that out of deference to [redacted] that he would not permit the Grand Jury inquiry to be made at the present time and would not approve my recommendation, but that he would do so if anything like this happened in the future.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

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65-23555

SAC, NEW YORK

February 29, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SANFORD GRIFFITH
SECURITY MATTER - C
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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 4, 1944, in the above-entitled matter wherein your office was instructed to conduct an immediate investigation with a view of developing Griffith's possible connections with the Communist Party. You will recall that information was received by the Bureau from a confidential outside source to the effect that Griffith was conducting investigation for the Control Committee of the Communist Party.

It is the Bureau's desire that this matter be assigned immediately for investigative attention.

In view of Griffith's known unsavory background any inquiries conducted in connection with this matter should be handled as discreetly as possible.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Occupant of Room 621, Dodge Hotel, from March 19th through March 21, 1944, determined to be Dr. GERTRUDE W. DUNCAN, Hotel Saint George, New York.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 65-23555.
Letter from New York Field Division to Washington Field Division, dated March 24, 1944.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. R. L. SMITH, Assistant Manager, Dodge Hotel, advised that an examination of the records of the hotel reflects that from 4:00 P. M. March 19, 1944, until 5:00 P. M. March 21, 1944, Dr. GERTRUDE W. DUNCAN occupied Room 621. Mr. SMITH advised that Dr. DUNCAN gave her home address as Hotel Saint George, New York, New York.

It is noted in referenced letter that the person requested to be identified occupied the room from March 18, 1944 to March 21, 1944. Mr. SMITH advised that from March 16, 1944, until March 19, 1944, Room 621 was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. HENRY HOUSE. From the information set out below, it is believed that the person referred to in reference letter is Dr. GERTRUDE W. DUNCAN. Mr. SMITH further advised that during the time Dr. DUNCAN occupied this room, she made no telephone calls, either long distance or local, and he personally was not acquainted with the subject.

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Miss HELEN WILKINS, room clerk, advised that she has been with the hotel for a number of years and recalls Dr. DUNCAN as a guest. She gave the following physical description of Dr. DUNCAN:

Age	Approximately 50
Hair	Sandy colored, slightly gray
Height	5' 4"
Weight	120 pounds

Miss WILKINS further advised that Dr. DUNCAN was a guest in the hotel in November and early December of 1943; that as far as she knew Dr. DUNCAN had no friends in the hotel, came to the hotel alone and never stopped at the desk or conversed with any of the clerks. Miss WILKINS stated that she had observed that Dr. DUNCAN seemed very peculiar and that she would unhesitatingly state that, in her opinion, Dr. DUNCAN was not a desirable guest. She stated that this opinion was based entirely upon the actions of Dr. DUNCAN.

Miss WILKINS stated that the hotel records reflect that Dr. DUNCAN left the hotel as a guest on December 6, 1943, and that during her stay at that time she received one telegram on November 13th, two telegrams on November 16th, two telegrams on November 22nd, one telegram on November 25th and one telegram on November 30th. Miss WILKINS stated that her records reflected that Dr. DUNCAN received no wires or other communications during her stay at the hotel in March of 1944. She further advised that Dr. DUNCAN had left no forwarding address during her visit.

A check of the indices of the Washington Field Division failed to reflect any information concerning this individual.

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To: SAC, New York
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: SANFORD GRIFFITH, SECURITY MATTER - C, REFER 5-IS

April 8, 1944

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 4, 1944, in the above entitled matter wherein your office was instructed to conduct an immediate investigation with a view to developing Griffith's possible connection with the Communist Party. You will recall that information was received by the Bureau from a confidential source to the effect that Griffith was conducting investigation for the Control Committee of the Communist Party. It is the Bureau's desire that this matter be assigned immediately for investigative attention. In addition to developing Griffith's possible connection with the Communist Party, you are instructed to ascertain the identity of specific individuals for whom his investigations are being conducted at the present time.

It is known that in the central European countries, representatives of the NKVD assist the Control Committee of the Communist Party in arranging the disciplinary action to be taken relative to Party members. It is also known that the NKVD utilizes blackmail as a method of recruiting agents. Inasmuch as Griffith is apparently engaged in accumulating information that could be used for possible blackmail or "shakedown" activities, the identity of the individuals receiving this information should be ascertained.

The files of the Bureau reflect that Sanford Griffith traveled in the Balkan countries and Italy as a representative of the Federated Press during the early 1920's. He was also listed as an European organizer for the Federated Press in Berlin about 1922. This information has not been previously furnished your office.

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In view of Griffith's known unsavory background any inquiries conducted in connection with this matter should be handled as discreetly as possible.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Confidential informant advises that no evidence exists in [redacted] indicative of any affiliation on his part with the Communist Party or with individuals or organizations related thereto. Informant states subject apparently in employ of Anti-Defamation League at present time, furnishing information relative to anti-Semitic activities and concerning the defendants in the case of "U. S. vs. Joseph E. McWilliams, Etal". In addition, informant says subject's firm, styled "Market Analysts, Inc." apparently engaged in advertising, research work for industrial concerns. Mail covers on subject's business and residence addresses unproductive of evidence indicating subject to be affiliated with CP. Subject [redacted] reflects no questionable items [redacted]

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 65-23555.
Bureau letters to New York dated January 4; February 29, and April 8, 1944.

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The following information was furnished by Confidential Informant T-1.

"SANFORD GRIFFITH occupies a two room suite of offices at 8 West 40th Street, New York City under the name of MARKET ANALYSTS, INC. The [redacted]"

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[redacted] which informant says is apparently occupied by the subject, [redacted]

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Confidential Informant T-1 advised that in addition to the above mention general type of material which is indicative of the nature of operations carried on by GRIFFITH, evidence of certain other of his activities is reflected [redacted]. The informant related that GRIFFITH's [redacted] reports submitted to GRIFFITH by one Dr. GERTRUDE DUNCAN, apparently an investigator employed by the subject. According to the informant, these reports are submitted daily in longhand, and GRIFFITH apparently edits their contents and then has them typed. Informant T-1 said that [redacted] large quantity of these reports, submitted during the past two or three years, and found them to deal principally with investigations concerning anti-Semitic activities and relative to various of the defendants in the case of "U. S. versus Joseph E. McWilliams, Etal".

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Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the reporting agent with [redacted] and miscellaneous other correspondence as a cross section of the contents of GRIFFITH [redacted]. There are being set forth below the contents in whole or in part of several of these documents. All documents referred to in this report are being retained in the New York files.

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Indicative of the fact that at the present time the subject is either employed by or in close association with the Anti-Defamation League are the following items of correspondence.

- 1- A letter from GRIFFITH dated 2/2/44 addressed to, "Dear Chertoff". The last paragraph of this letter is as follows: "Thanks for the religious novelties. Bill the ADL for whatever expense was involved. We will give you the findings."
- 2- In this same connection, there is being quoted below a letter dated January 21, 1944 from the Anti-Defamation League, 100 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois to GRIFFITH and signed

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by NISSEN N. GROSS: "Dear Sandy: I would very much appreciate receiving by return air mail a copy of the interview had with Alice de Tarnowsky at Max Landis' office at which interview Gene Cook and I were present. I am anxious to have this material as the FBI in Chicago is desirous of getting all the data. With kindest personal regards, I am sincerely, NISS."

Evidence of the fact that in the past GRIFFITH has been employed by the ~~AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE~~ are the following letters.

- 1- A letter dated January 2, 1942 to Mr. GEORGE MINTZER from GRIFFITH which is as follows: "Dear Mr. Mintzer: This is the list of cash payments that I showed you. Perhaps you will check the list to see what names you can identify. I would also like to have your advice on how to make the most effective use of it. Unless you have some better idea and if the list checks up as important, I will pass it on to Maloney. The book was carefully hidden in the apartment of Ing Gotthelf, but is not in her handwriting."
- 2- Another letter dated February 16, 1943 from GEORGE J. MINTZER to GRIFFITH is as follows: "Dear Sandy: Enclosed you will find a memo which was sent to me by a friend of mine. Hewould like to see this subject matter taken up by one of the columnists. Can you pass it on to Drew Pearson? Perhaps he may use it. Sincerely yours, George."

At the bottom of this letter is a pencilled notation as follows: "George - I gave this to Pearson myself. He showed interest. SG."

Close affiliation of SANFORD GRIFFITH with EDGAR ANSELL MOWRER, newspaper columnist, is evidenced in several pieces of correspondence, portions of which include the following.

- 1- A letter dated March 17, 1943 from GRIFFITH to Mr. FREDERICH C. MCKEE, 2216 Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which is as follows: "Dear Fred: Edgar Mowrer is particularly keen about activities on which our group can collaborate now that he is getting under way for a while on the outside "Fight for Freedom" program. We are also assured of much important support which we need. We have one or two names of people in Washington who might fit into the picture and two up here. In

"view of the fact that both Mowrer and Birkhead will be away, we will not meet on Friday, but I would like to see you and report on progress."

- 2- In this same connection, is a letter dated August 3, 1943 on the stationery of the Non Partisan Council to Win the Peace, 1319 F Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. This letter is addressed to GRIFFITH and is signed by STUART HAYDON and is as follows: "Dear Sandy: Edgar has just handed me your letter of July 30. I presume our check #17 mailed on the same day for \$125 crossed in the mail, and I presume this is what you have reference to. If not, kindly advise us."

Indicative of the current activities of the subject in the field of industrial surveys and research are the following items of correspondence.

- 1- A letter from GRIFFITH to Mrs. ELEANOR P. WOLF, 16177 Greenlawn Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, dated January 26, 1944, which is as follows: "Dear Mrs. Wolf: The racial study projects are still somewhat in abeyance, but I am sure we will get under way on them soon. Would you mind digging out or getting somebody to dig out a little data along these lines. This is a job on which I need a few quick superficial answers, and I am sure you will know somebody to get them. Perhaps you could assign the questions to one of the graduate students:
- a- In terms of war production efficiency and general attitude toward labor, morale, etc. which are the three or four war plants in the Detroit area which rate best and which rate worst, and in a few words, why?
 - b- What are the two or three principal technical training schools in Detroit and how many students are there in them as compared with pre-war days. Also what are the names of the General Motors and Ford training schools and the approximate number of pupils in each. How do they rate in terms of efficiency?
 - c- What are the two or three war plants which have the largest turnover, the smallest turnover? In a few words, what are the principal reasons
 - d- What are the two or three plants where relations between management and labor are best, where worst? In a few words, why?

e- When was there a promotion campaign for enlistment of women in industry carried on? Did it succeed or fail? Again just a few sentences. - - -

f- I am sure you can call up several of your friends and pick up the scattered items fairly easy. Please regard this as a paid job and air mail the stuff to me as quickly as you can."

Indicating that in the past the subject has apparently had in his employ as investigators various other persons is a letter dated November 18, 1943 from A. L. CAMPBELL, 181 McLean Avenue, Detroit, Michigan to GRIFFITH. This is as follows:

1- "Dear Mr. GRIFFITH: I am still going, but the situation has developed so delicate that I am having to establish myself. So that I will have a good sound alibi. But I have about got that completed.

"I have a place to preach, but I want to know what you think about working in one of the plants. I have to have a source of income to throw them off guard. There are some slick ducks here and we have to go slow. But we can do the job. Do you think that I could cover that up with my preaching. I have some literature but it won't be so long until I see you I hope and I can give it to you then. I attended five of the services Sunday. I have to preach over the air Sunday evening at 7:30. That will give me a chance to break in on some of them. I want to see you as soon as you can come back for we need to talk and plan some things.

"Am meeting with the Klan tonight. Could use a little money as my boy has been very sick and I had to send the wife more than usual."

Evidence exists in certain of Dr. GERTRUDE DUNCAN's reports that she was collecting information of an anti-communist nature. One such report consisted of six handwritten pages entitled, "Communists boring into Irish Societies". From a review of same, it appeared that DUNCAN had attended a meeting called by MICHAEL QUILL, head of the Transport Workers Union, held in the Capitol Hotel, probably in New York City. QUILL had apparently extended invitations to all members of a group of societies known as the United Irish Counties. In her report, DUNCAN indicates that the TWU is supplying the financial backing for a movement among Irish Americans to bring about an end to English domination of Ireland. This is to be accomplished by the voice of organized labor at the peace table.

In another report, DUNCAN advises GRIFFITH of the presence in Washington, D. C. of delegations and pressure groups from the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, which she terms, "certainly a communist outfit if there ever was one".

Illustrative of the varied activities carried on by the subject is a letter dated April 8, 1941 to GRIFFITH from BENJAMIN MANDEL, 3101 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C. In this letter, the writer submitted to GRIFFITH details of a proposed anti-communist bureau and news letter service. MANDEL proposed that the news letter be published and sent to editors, labor leaders, fraternal organizations, statesmen and public agencies engaged in molding public opinion. The information for the news letter was to be obtained from the various communist publications and would be published every two weeks. The idea behind the news letter was to give an intelligent interpretation to the various communist activities to persons who have neither the time nor the background to properly follow the Communist Party line. MANDEL cited his qualifications for undertaking such a proposition as having been an official of the Communist Party for ten years and a member of its Central Executive Committee. He stated that for the past two years he had been employed by the Dies Committee, which committee cited him as one of the foremost experts of the history and tactics of the Communist Party.

MANDEL indicated that \$10,000 would be sufficient to finance the project. He stated that he knew the anti-Defamation League was definitely interested. MANDEL sought GRIFFITH's aid in instituting the proposition.

A review of the file of this case indicates that it has been alleged in the past that one JOHN M. HENSHAW has been affiliated with GRIFFITH in the past, probably as one of GRIFFITH's investigators. This is substantiated by the following items of correspondence provided by the informant.

- 1- A letter dated August 8, 1943 from JOHN M. HENSHAW to GRIFFITH, which is as follows: "Dear Mr. Griffith: When Mr. Smith dropped by the hotel this morning to see me, he showed me the enclosed editorial in today's 'Free Press'; also he laughed. 'Well, the DAILY WORKER fell for my gag about Lyons and the American Labor Party. They wanted to make a last minute smear on Lyons. The communists apparently did not believe it themselves, but it made good copy for their Sunday edition.' Smith says he has information that Mrs. Waring planted that story in the New York POST with a photostatic copy of membership certificate in the America First Party which appeared some time ago. He says that Albert Kahn, author of 'Sabotage' and editor of 'The Fifth Hour' called upon him a few weeks ago just so that he could go back to New York and boast to the Jews that he had actually met Gerald Smith.

"Smith said that Bob Reynolds had just assured him by telephone that he (Reynolds) could get enough votes in the Senate to get an investigation of the new book, 'Undercover'. He said Bob told him, 'We can't afford to ignore it.'"

"Smith is visiting Ohio and Indiana about the middle of this week; then speaks in Pittsburgh at Carnegie Hall with Captain Earl Southard on August 17."

- 2- In another letter dated August 9, 1943, HENSHAW reports further to GRIFFITH following conversations HENSHAW had with Gerald L. K. Smith. In this letter, HENSHAW calls GRIFFITH's attention to the DAILY WORKER of August 8, 1943 containing an editorial and two news stories on Gerald L. K. Smith and his alleged support of the Dubinsky-Rose faction of the American Labor Party. HENSHAW says that this is a remarkable example of propaganda technique in which the extreme right wing represented by Smith cooperates with the extreme left wing represented by the DAILY WORKER against a common enemy, the so-called liberal faction of the labor party.

HENSHAW stated that at dinner the night previous Smith had remarked to him, "Some of these fine days I may have to say to TOM DEWEY, 'See Tom, if you are not nice to me, I may have to come out and endorse you.' He knows how that would fix him with his New York Jews."

This letter also indicates that Smith had told HENSHAW that he had been prevented from securing any more copies of "The Red Decade", but that he had just ordered 600 copies, and that he had about exhausted his mailing lists.

- 3- In another letter dated August 19, 1943 from HENSHAW to GRIFFITH bearing the return address of Barlum Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, HENSHAW again reports to GRIFFITH concerning associations he had had with Gerald L. K. Smith. The conversation apparently had revolved about a person named DAOUST who Smith characterized as a "phony" and said that he would let the Ford Company handle him. Smith referred to the service department of the Ford Company which he said had bartenders, doormen and taxi drivers, etc. on the payroll, forming the best detective system in the world. He said Ford would spend any amount of money to catch people who were trying to frame him. Smith said he knew one Ford operative who stopped a truckload of stolen engines going out the gate and nearly got fired for doing so. Smith said that they were laying a trap to catch some Jews high up who were

"doing business in stolen Ford parts. Also in this letter, HENSHAW spoke of having met an individual named Price who was apparently an investigator for the Ford Motor Company. HENSHAW said that Price asked him a lot of questions concerning DAOUST, and that Smith remarked that the Anti-Nazi League and the ADL had been trying to prove a connection between Henry Ford and himself, and that the communists had been working towards this too. HENSHAW quoted Price as stating, "Yes, we know about those Jew outfits, and we are always glad to get a new line on their activities. They have tried to cause the old man a lot of trouble."

- 4- In another letter dated November 28, 1943, from HENSHAW to GRIFFITH and bearing the return address of 1833 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., HENSHAW indicated that he had talked with one WALTER TROHAN whom he described as assistant chief of the Washington Press Bureau of the Chicago Tribune.

In this letter, HENSHAW indicated that he had sought a position with TROHAN, and TROHAN remarked, "Frankly HENSHAW, the Chicago office is afraid of you because you worked for Pearson five years. But I feel different about it. You had to be good to stick with Pearson five years. I could use a fellow like you on my staff if they would authorize it..."

This letter also contained numerous references to various Washington news correspondents and information concerning persons in governmental circles.

- 5- In another letter dated May 29, 1943 bearing the return address Iowa Hotel, Keokuk, Ohio and apparently in HENSHAW's handwriting, GRIFFITH is informed that the writer (believed to be HENSHAW) had had charges preferred against him with Marine headquarters by three women. (Substantiating the belief that this letter was written by HENSHAW is a reference in instant file reflecting that HENSHAW had been connected with the Marine Corps.) In the letter in question, the writer reflected the results of several interviews had with one E. X. Mitchel. The writer indicated that Mitchel had given him permission to use his name in contacting Gerald L. K. Smith, but refused to write a letter of introduction to Smith because he feared it would get into the hands of the FBI. The writer

indicated that Mitchel was very friendly with JAMES A. FARLEY, and that FARLEY had visited Mitchel recently. Mitchel stated that FARLEY had the backing of all anti-New Deal groups including Smith, Coughlin and Ford, and that FARLEY intended to use Senator Byrd to handle the South.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that subject's [redacted]

[redacted] a project known as "The International Petition", which is being sponsored by one EDWARD T. CLARK. Informant provided some literature pertaining to this, a review of which indicates that endorsements have been secured in favor of "The International Petition" from numerous individuals such as FERDINAND CZERNIN of "Austrian Action"; M. B. SCHNAPPER of the American Council on Public Affairs; college presidents, scientists, newspaper columnists, etc. b7D

From the material furnished, it would appear that the purpose of "The International Petition" is to solicit international cooperation on the settlement of post-war problems. Informant said that from [redacted]

[redacted] it would appear that he is associated in some way with the project.

The informant provided a copy of a lengthy document, the writer of which was not indicated, entitled, "The Dies Committee, the Hearst Press and the Japanese Nightmare". A review of this material indicated it to be an attack on the Dies Committee and the Hearst Press, charging them with a nation-wide persecution of American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

The informant also furnished correspondence indicating that the subject of this investigation is indebted to CECIL A. LENNAN, 20 Park Place, Tenafly, New Jersey, and JULIAN GOMPERZ, 610 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The informant also provided several copies of lists of persons who are indicated by the caption appearing on the list as being "Those who will probably sign or support a statement backing Britain's good faith in India." Included in these lists were the names of many prominent educators, clergymen and correspondents.

The informant provided a copy of a letter dated February 9, 1944 from GRIFFITH to Mr. JOHN ROGGE of the Department of Justice in which he introduced one TOM JOHNSON whom he described as "an old friend", who is interested in the thirty defendants as part of an investigation for the READERS DIGEST.

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The informant advised that GRIFFITH's [redacted] considerable material indicating that he is conducting an extensive survey regarding the international attitude of senators to determine the basis for the formulation of the foreign policy of the United States.

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The informant also furnished a copy of a letter dated February 9, 1943 from DREW PEARSON, Washington correspondent, thanking GRIFFITH for information he had provided relative to the India League.

Also provided was a memorandum from GRIFFITH to PEARSON dated February 18, 1943 concerning proposed plans for the better utilization of the 4-F class.

The informant supplied a copy of a letter dated January 2, 1943 on the stationery of the War Production Board from ALVIN MEYROWITZ to GRIFFITH. This letter relates to some project concerning dried eggs in which GRIFFITH is apparently interested.

Reference is also made to a survey being conducted by GRIFFITH relative to the employment of women in war industries.

A review of instant file reflects that [redacted] of GRIFFITH in MARKET ANALYSTS.

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A thirty day mail cover was placed on all mail addressed to either GRIFFITH or others at MARKET ANALYSTS, INC. A review of the results of the mail cover failed to disclose any evidence that the subject is connected with any persons or organizations whose affiliation with the Communist Party is known to this office. The great bulk of GRIFFITH's mail during the thirty day period originated from various stock and bond customer concerns in New York City. Considerable mail bore the return address of Room 621 Dodge Hotel, Washington, D. C., which investigation has disclosed to be the headquarters of Dr. GERTRUDE DUNCAN at Washington, to cover the sedition trial.

The following investigation was conducted at Huntington, Long Island by Special Agent [redacted]

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The subject resides on Bay Avenue, Huntington, Long Island. He occupies a nice home overlooking Huntington Bay harbor. No information pertinent to instant investigation could be ascertained through miscellaneous discreet inquiries at Huntington. GRIFFITH's activities are generally unknown to persons in Huntington. A thirty day mail cover placed

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on all mail received by the subject at his residence address failed to produce any evidence reflecting communist affiliation.

[redacted] president of the [redacted] and [redacted] advised that the subject maintains his [redacted] and also the MARKET ANALYSTS, INC. [redacted] Records of activity for both of [redacted] were made available to Agent [redacted]. Most of [redacted] were noted to have been [redacted] advised that he has never observed any [redacted] suspicious nature.

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GRIFFITH is registered with Local Board 706 at Huntington. He is not classified. His birth is listed as February 17, 1893 at Eugene, Oregon.

In a report dated January 5, 1944 furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, the following pertinent portions were noted.

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"One [redacted] has been living with SANFORD GRIFFITH for about six years and is generally accepted as his common law wife. She has made no local contacts in Huntington and little is known about her. She is very attractive and speaks with a foreign accent. [redacted] age 14 is her half sister. SANFORD GRIFFITH has three children: [redacted]

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"HEWLETT JOHNSON, chief of police, Huntington, Long Island, advised that some comment had been raised by the nude bathing at the beach by GRIFFITH, RUTH ZIMMER and the children. They go down to the beach in robes and bathe together in the nude.

"Chief JOHNSON stated that GRIFFITH was dispossessed from his property at Conklin House, an estate in Huntington, about a year ago, but that he has since acquired four pieces of property in Huntington; one being an enormous piece called the 'Castle', situated on the highest point of Huntington harbor."

Confidential Informant [redacted] report further indicated that Miss BARBARA LUKESE is the former governess of GRIFFITH's children and resides at 84 New York Avenue, Huntington, Long Island. This person furnished the information that on Christmas Eve in 1934 GRIFFITH's wife committed suicide in New York City and said that there had been much unhappiness in GRIFFITH's marital life, and that the wife's suicide is believed to have resulted over some trouble in connection with failure to turn in gold in accordance with federal law. Miss LUKESE advised that Mrs. GRIFFITH had come from wealthy parents who did not approve of GRIFFITH. She advised that GRIFFITH had a secretary named HELEN KAULBACH who later married one

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KENNETH SIMPSON of Huntington. Miss LUKESE advised, according to Confidential Informant [] that her place in the GRIFFITH household was taken by []

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Miss LUKESE stated that Mr. TOSCAN BENNETT, formerly of 65 Central Park West, New York City, was the father of GRIFFITH's wife, and that when he died recently, he left a \$50,000 trust fund for the GRIFFITH children.

Miss LUKESE stated that GRIFFITH's brother is reported to be insane, and that GRIFFITH's mother is reported to have died in Kellogg Sanitarium, Chicago, Illinois.

In view of the fact that there is no further investigation required in connection with this matter at this time, this case is being closed.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Confidential Informant T-1 mentioned in the report of Special Agent Harvey E. Rath at New York City dated May 10, 1944 is:

A highly confidential source [redacted] to the offices of SANFORD GRIFFITH at 8 West 40th Street, New York City, who provided the reported information on February 29, 1944 to Special Agents [redacted] [redacted] William J. Lusty and Harvey E. Rath.

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May 12, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SANFORD GRIFFITH
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Reference is made to the letter from the Bureau dated January 4, 1944, in the above captioned matter requesting an investigation of Sanford Griffith. A review of the Bureau files fails to disclose the receipt of an investigative report. You are instructed to place this matter in line for immediate attention and submit a report to the Bureau not later than May 30, 1944.

Transmitted herewith for your information are copies of a memorandum received from the Office of Military Intelligence setting forth information relative to Sanford Griffith and his alleged common-law wife, [REDACTED]

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TO :

Director, FBI

DATE: New York 7, New York
May 10, 1944

FROM :

E. E. Conroy, SAC

SUBJECT:

SANFORD GRIFFITH
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Harvey E. Rath dated May 10, 1944 at New York City in the above captioned investigation.

Reference report was predicated upon Bureau letter dated January 4, 1944 which advised that JACOB SPOLANSKY, a private investigator, made statements reflecting that an individual known as "Sandy Griffiths" had been retained by the Communist Party to do investigative work for their Control Commission; also that Griffiths has at the present time a number of women working for him obtaining information for the communists concerning such individuals as GERALD L. K. SMITH and others.

Reference report reflects the results of an investigation conducted with a view toward attempting to develop any possible connections of subject with the Communist Party.

Instant investigation failed to produce any indications of such affiliation. Miscellaneous personal background information relative to the subject was not included in reference report inasmuch as his complete background history has been previously furnished the Bureau in earlier reports.

Reference report indicates that GRIFFITH has in his employ as an investigator a woman named Dr. GERTRUDE DUNCAN, and that most of the information secured by her for GRIFFITH relates to anti-Semitic activities and to the defendants in the case of "United States vs. Joseph E. McWilliams, Etal". In this regard, various pieces of correspondence provided by a highly confidential source were reviewed by Special Agent [redacted] who is familiar with the McWilliams investigation.

Special Agent [redacted] has advised that apparently most of the information which is in GRIFFITH's possession in relation to those persons involved in the sedition cases has been previously furnished to this office through contacts with [redacted]

In connection with the statements reported to have been made by SPOLANSKY relative to GRIFFITH's alleged affiliation with the Communist Party, the Bureau's attention is invited to a letter dated October 9, 1943 from the Bureau to the Detroit Field Division captioned "JACOB SPOLANSKY, SECURITY MATTER- C"

This letter contains information furnished by [redacted] and in substance is as follows:

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"SPOLANSKI was aware of the presence in Detroit of DOROTHY WARING, ANN KLINGER, Dr. DUNCAN and one other woman. SPOLANSKI later called MORROW from New York and asked what SMITH's reaction had been, and then informed MORROW to tip SMITH off that they were just a few women acting as communist stooges and were working for the Communist Party only. SMITH was amused at this because he already knew these people to be operators for the Anti-Semitic League in New York City. This confirmed the fact in SMITH's mind that SPOLANSKI was working for Jewish interests."

Persons referred to in the above are believed to be Dr. GERTRUDE DUNCAN and GERALD L. K. SMITH.

SPOLANSKY apparently referred to the women mentioned as "communist stooges" either in an effort to convey misleading information to SMITH through MORROW or did so facetiously. In either event, it is possible that the allegations reportedly made by SPOLANSKY and upon which instant investigation was instituted, may have been made by him in the same vein as were his statements on this other occasion.

In view of the negative results of investigation, it would appear that SPOLANSKY was making his statements without any basis in fact and therefore may have made such statements on at least the two known occasions, either to be facetious or to be misleading.

Regarding GRIFFITH's alleged employment of women as investigators, the Bureau's attention is directed to a letter from this office to the Bureau dated April 8, 1943 and captioned, "ANN BARBARA KRINGER; Dr. GERTRUDE DUNCAN, SECURITY MATTER - G".

This letter reflects that BARBARA KRINGER was interviewed by Special Agent Johnston L. Percy, and that she advised that for a period of approximately six weeks prior to October 23, 1943 she had been in Detroit and Chicago with Dr. GERTRUDE DUNCAN under the direction of their employer, SANFORD GRIFFITH. The prime purpose of the trip was to obtain information concerning the activities of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

Reference letter also indicates that inquiries made of Mr. GEORGE J. MINTZER of the American Jewish Committee in New York City disclosed that GRIFFITH was no longer employed or association with this organization. Mr. MINTZER advised that GRIFFITH had associated himself with the Anti-Defamation League for whom his investigations of subversive activities were then being conducted. The letter also disclosed that inquiries made of Dr. ARNOLD FOSTER of the Anti-Defamation League confirmed the fact that Dr. GERTRUDE DUNCAN is one of GRIFFITH's employees in the field of investigation subversive activities.

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SAC, New York

May 22, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SANFORD GRIFFITH
SECURITY MATTER (C)
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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 4, 1944, in the above entitled matter, wherein your office was instructed to conduct an immediate investigation with a view to developing Griffith's possible connections with the Communist Party.

By letter dated February 29, 1944, your office was advised that the Bureau desired this matter to be assigned immediately for investigative attention. Additional information concerning Griffith was furnished your office by letter dated April 6, 1944.

The Bureau's files fail to disclose the receipt of a report setting forth the results of your investigation. You are instructed that a report should be submitted to the Bureau not later than June 15, 1944.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 14, 1944

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: SANDFORD GRIFFITH
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(U) On October 4, 1944 Mr. FREDERIC DOLBEARE of the New York Branch of the Office of Strategic Services, called Special Agent Jerome Doyle of this office to ascertain whether the Bureau had any information concerning SANDFORD GRIFFITH, Market Analysis, Inc., 8 West 40th Street, New York City. The New York files indicate that the Bureau is very interested in the general activities of SANDFORD GRIFFITH inasmuch as he has close association with individuals who are doing important work for the Control Committee of the Communist Party.

(U) On October 5, 1944 it was discreetly ascertained that DOLBEARE, acting in a liaison capacity, was making this inquiry for a Foreign Nationalities Branch of OSS, which Branch had advised Mr. DOLBEARE that they knew GRIFFITH in a "desultory" sort of way and wondered if the FBI knew anything about him. Mr. DOLBEARE was not told of the Bureau's suspicions relative to GRIFFITH insofar as the Communist Party was concerned. He was merely advised that the Bureau's files show that GRIFFITH claimed to have been a secret service man in the last war and on occasions had led some people to believe that he was conducting a Public Information Service for the War Department. Mr. DOLBEARE was likewise advised that GRIFFITH had offered the services of his organization to the French Forever Movement and had moved into that organization and collected information for his own use on the basis of being a volunteer to assist the French group.

(U) No mention was made by Mr. DOLBEARE of the activities of Dr. PERRY who was purportedly a part time employee for OSS in the Foreign Nationalities Branch and appears to be a close association of GRIFFITH.

The above is being furnished the Bureau for information purposes in view of the Bureau's interests in the activities of GRIFFITH.

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A summary of the material appearing in Issues #1 through 5 is set forth in the report of Special Agent William J. McCarthy, Jr. at New York City dated November 14, 1946 on Pages 73 to 81 inclusive.

In the report of Special Agent William J. McCarthy, Jr., dated April 22, 1947, a summary of the science bulletin, #10, the last one published is set forth on Page 2.

Confidential Informant [redacted] recently turned over to this office a copy of the Science Bulletin #8 for May 1946. A summary of this bulletin is as follows:

Pages 1 and 2 are devoted to a summary of a report by Professor NORAIK SISAKYAN, Secretary of the Institute. The report is entitled, "The Institute of Biochemistry of the Academy of Sciences, USSR". The report dealt with the work of biochemistry in the USSR.

Pages 3 and 4 are devoted to an article entitled "Cosmic Rays Studies in Pamirs". This article deals with the result of an expedition to Pamirs by a group of Soviet scientists who went there to study cosmic rays.

Page 4 also contains an article entitled "Paleontological Discoveries". This article deals with the paleontological explorations by an expedition from the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.

Page 5 is an article entitled "New Ore Fields Discovered". This article deals with the recent discovery of a magnetic anomaly of colossal intensity indicating that there are, however, deposits of magnetite in the Region of the Karelo-Finnish Republic. It is felt this discovery will help in the further developments of the industry of Leningrad and the adjacent district.

On Pages 5, 6, 7 and 8 an article entitled "Scientific News from the USSR" appears, the first portion of which deals with a history of Academician ALEXEI KRYLOV, a Soviet scientist who died in 1945. The article also deals with the five-year plan of science and portions of a report by Academician S. VAVILOV, President of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, are set forth.

Pages 8 to 17 contain a list of the journals which have been received by the American Soviet Friendship Society from the Soviet Union since March 1946.

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Director, FBI

March 28, 1950

SAC, New York

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SANFORD GRIFFITH; [redacted] Informant
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Reference is made to the telephone call made on March 7, 1950, by SAC EDWARD SCHEIDT to Inspector ALAN H. BELMONT of the Bureau concerning a request made by [redacted] to furnish the New York Office with certain information which he felt would be of interest.

On March 8, 1950, [redacted] was interviewed at his office in the [redacted] by SAs [redacted] and FRANCIS J. GALLANT. He advised that he is [redacted] which was established in 1930. Concerning the purposes of this organization, he said that it works to uphold the rights of private enterprise, helps to protect taxpayers, and opposes Communism and Fascism. Representatives of the organization appear regularly before Congressional committees. The organization has opposed Zionism and has argued that the Franco Government in Spain should be recognized by the United States. Mr. [redacted] said that he and his organization have been very vigorously opposed by the Anti-Defamation League and by the left wing press and radio commentators.

[redacted] stated that about six months ago it came to his attention that information from his files was leaking out to antagonistic radio commentators and newspaper columnists. He felt certain that someone working in his office was responsible for this and suspected it was [redacted] of the organization. He suspected him because he often stayed at the office late at night when none of the employees were there. He received mysterious telephone calls; he appeared to enjoy intrigue and generally surrounded himself with an air of mystery. [redacted] had been with the organization for about three and a half years as a [redacted] and was earning \$10,000.00 per year. He had lived in California and was formerly a [redacted] who was unfrocked in about 1934. He was well educated, a very capable writer, and at one time, had been the [redacted] for about seven years.

[redacted] stated that about January 20, 1950, [redacted] heard from a very reliable individual, whose identity he did not wish to divulge, that about 2,000 photostats of papers from the files of [redacted]

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were in the possession of SANFORD GRIFFITH, who maintained an office at 8 West 40th Street, New York City. This informant said that GRIFFITH was working for the Anti-Defamation League and that this league had appropriated \$15,000.00 to pay for material which was to be obtained secretly from the files of the [redacted] decided to start an investigation and called in [redacted] a private investigator with offices at [redacted] New York City, who had been many years ago a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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[redacted] conducted an investigation and put a physical surveillance on [redacted]. He found that [redacted] visited the office very often after 6:00 p.m. and took packages out of the office with him upon his departure. On February 8, he was seen to leave his office at 5:30 p.m. and walk to the building at 8 West 40th Street which he entered and subsequently came out with a man identified as SANFORD GRIFFITH. Each was carrying a traveling bag. [redacted] parted from SANFORD GRIFFITH and took his traveling bag into the subway at 34th Street and Sixth Avenue, where he rented a locker and put the bag into it. On the next day, [redacted] was seen to take the bag and put it into another locker in the same subway station and that evening after working hours, he took the bag out of the locker and brought it back to his office at the [redacted].

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[redacted] advised further that after keeping [redacted] under surveillance for some time, he, [redacted] was called into the office on February 13 and was questioned by [redacted] and an attorney, [redacted]. [redacted] said he could not account for the departure of the papers from the office and the only one he could suspect was a girl who had worked in the office for a short time some months ago. He was told that he was suspected because of his frequent presence in the office at night.

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[redacted] was asked if he was acquainted with the building at 8 West 40th Street, and he said that he thought he was, but said that he had been there many months ago. As to whether he was acquainted with a man named SANFORD GRIFFITH, he said he was not and that the only GRIFFITH he knew was his cousin by the name of JOHN GRIFFITH from Chicago and that he had not seen this cousin for many months. It was then pointed out to him that he had been seen on the night of February 8 coming out of the building at 8 West 40th Street with SANFORD GRIFFITH, each of them carrying a suitcase. He then admitted that that man was his cousin JOHN GRIFFITH. In connection

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with the traveling bag, he said that for some time he had felt that he was going to lose his job with the Council and that he wanted to have a bag at the office into which he could put his papers if he did lose his job and that was the reason why he brought the bag to the office.

It was then called to his attention that the bag he brought to the office was taken out of the locker different from the one he had put the bag into the night before. He then told a strange story as to how SANFORD GRIFFITH was going abroad and asked him to check a bag in a locker for him. This did not make sense and further questioning brought from him information that he had put one bag, which was heavy, in one locker the night before and had mailed the key to SANFORD GRIFFITH. The next morning he received in the mail a key to another locker out of which he took the traveling bag which was empty. He could offer no plausible explanation.

[redacted] stated that he did not know whether SANFORD GRIFFITH was actually his cousin. He said that the only thing he knew about SANFORD GRIFFITH was that he was supposed to be living with a girl named ANN HULL at Chelsea 2-5977. He said that he never telephoned SANFORD GRIFFITH because he did not know how to get in touch with him, but that GRIFFITH invariably telephoned him for luncheon appointments. At first he said that GRIFFITH had been in his house, but later he said that GRIFFITH was never inside the house and that he used to meet him outside. He said that [redacted] knew GRIFFITH, but did not like him because of the way he drove a car. [redacted] was telephoned concerning this, and she denied knowing SANFORD or JOHN GRIFFITH. b7D

[redacted] related further that [redacted] said that he had been divorced from his wife in Pennsylvania in 1940 and that he married his present wife on February 14, 1941, in North Carolina. In connection with [redacted] statement that he only knew SANFORD GRIFFITH as JOHN GRIFFITH his cousin and the fact that he never telephoned GRIFFITH, an examination of the telephone index on his desk proved that he was not telling the truth. [redacted] telephone guide listed SANFORD GRIFFITH with his New York City and Long Island telephone numbers. b7D

[redacted] related that with regard to SANFORD GRIFFITH, not much was known concerning him except that prior to 1930, he was a newspaper reporter and a foreign correspondent. After 1930, he was in Wall Street with a firm known as THOMAS AND GRIFFITH, which firm had a great deal of difficulty with the Securities Exchange Commission. He had been married, but had trouble with his wife who eventually committed suicide. He has

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three children and lives in the vicinity of Huntington, Long Island, presumably at Northport where he is supposed to have an interest in a hotel. His office at 8 West 40th Street is known as Market Analysts.

[redacted] related that [redacted] lives in an apartment at [redacted], Long Island, New York, and has an unlisted telephone. [redacted] was discharged from his position with the [redacted] on February 13, 1950. b7D

[redacted] stated that he had brought this matter to the attention of the FBI because he felt that there might possibly be a federal violation involved. [redacted] was advised that the facts as related by him did not constitute a federal violation over which the FBI had any jurisdiction.

It is noted that considerable investigation conducted on [redacted] is found in New York file entitled [redacted] was.; SECURITY MATTER - C" (Bureau file [redacted], which case was closed January 6, 1945.

[redacted] was investigated as the subject of a New Haven case entitled [redacted] was.; et al; INTERNAL SECURITY - J" (Bureau file [redacted] In 1937, [redacted] under the alias of [redacted] was the editor of a publication called the "American Patriot", which was an anti-Semitic, anti-Communist, and pro-totalitarian publication. b7D

SANFORD GRIFFITH was the subject of a lengthy investigation by the New York Office in the case entitled "SANFORD GRIFFITH; SECURITY MATTER - C" (Bureau file 65-23555). He is a private investigator of very unsavory reputation who in 1944 was known to be working for the Anti-Defamation League. The report of SA HARVEY E. RATH at New York dated May 10, 1944, in this case contains information on page five which appears to indicate that [redacted] was working for SANFORD GRIFFITH in November, 1943, as an undercover investigator in Detroit, Michigan. This information was obtained from a letter which was sent by a minister in Detroit who was obviously working as an undercover agent for SANFORD GRIFFITH. This minister used the name of [redacted] which is an alias used by [redacted] in the past. b7D

No further action will be taken in this matter by the New York Office.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: April 4, 1950

FROM : D. M. Ladd *ok*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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SANFORD GRIFFITH;

[REDACTED] Informant

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PURPOSE

To advise you of information recently supplied by [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] New York, New York.

BACKGROUND

On March 7, 1950, SAC [REDACTED] New York Field Office, telephonically advised Inspector Belmont that [REDACTED] had contacted the New York Office and requested that an Agent visit him. [REDACTED] stated that he desired to furnish information which he believed would be of interest to the Bureau. Upon the authorization of Inspector Belmont, [REDACTED] was interviewed on March 8, 1950 in his office, [REDACTED] by two Agents of the New York Office.

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[REDACTED] advised the interviewing Agents that he is [REDACTED] which was established in 1930 and which works to uphold the rights of private enterprise, helps to protect taxpayers, and opposes Communism and Fascism. He pointed out that his organization has opposed Zionism and has argued that the Franco Government in Spain should be recognized by the United States. [REDACTED] advised that his organization has been vigorously opposed by the Anti-Defamation League and by the left-wing press and radio commentators.

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[REDACTED] related that approximately six months ago it came to his attention that information from his files was leaking out to antagonistic radio commentators and newspaper columnists. He felt certain that someone working in his office was responsible for the situation and suspected that it was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Inc. [REDACTED] pointed out that [REDACTED] stayed at the office late at night, received mysterious telephone calls, appeared to enjoy intrigue and generally surrounded himself with an air of mystery. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had been with the organization for about three and one-half years as a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with a salary of \$10,000.00 per year.

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Subsequent to the receipt of the information concerning the leak of information from his office, [REDACTED] stated that he was confidentially advised that

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one Sanford Griffith had approximately 2,000 photostats of papers from the files of the [redacted] Inc. The same informant advised [redacted] that Sanford Griffith was working for the Anti-Defamation League and that the League had appropriated \$15,000.00 to pay for material which was to be obtained secretly from the files of the [redacted] Inc. [redacted] thereupon decided to employ the services of former Special Agent [redacted] now a private investigator in New York City.

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[redacted] ascertained during the course of his investigation that [redacted] visited his office in the [redacted] Inc. very often after 6 PM and that he took packages out of the office with him. Dr. [redacted] was also observed in the company of Sanford Griffith on one occasion.

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On February 13, 1950 [redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] and an attorney. He was confronted with the information supplied by [redacted] and thereupon gave a rambling story in which he denied taking the papers but admitted knowing Sanford Griffith, whom he at first stated was his cousin and then advised that he did not know whether Sanford Griffith was actually his cousin.

[redacted] advised that he was bringing this matter to the attention of the Bureau because he thought there might be a Federal violation involved. He was advised by the interviewing Agents that the facts as related by him did not constitute a violation over which the FBI has jurisdiction.

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Bureau files reflect that [redacted] was born [redacted] New York. He was graduated from [redacted] with an [redacted] degree and in 1906 was elected for a two year term to the [redacted] of New York. He was admitted to the [redacted] and became a member of the [redacted] He enlisted in the Army during the first World War and was later active in private business and politics. In 1932 he [redacted] now known as the [redacted] [redacted] the organization was originally financed by manufacturing and financial concerns located in the State of New York. (100-128996-61)

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[redacted] has been the subject of Sedition, Security Matter - G and Internal Security - X investigations by the Bureau because of his activities in connection with the America First Committee, his association with Fritz Kuhn, former head of the German-American Bund and his contact with diplomatic representatives of the Franco government of Spain. In 1945 an informant of known reliability reported that [redacted] was in occasional contact with Ambassador Cardenas of the Spanish Embassy. In January, 1944 [redacted] was one of those individuals considered by the Grand Jury in the District of Columbia for in-

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dictment under the peacetime Sedition Statute, but no action was taken by the Grand Jury concerning him. [REDACTED]

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Bureau files set forth information that this individual was interviewed by Agents of the New York Office on November 19, 1943, in connection with a Security Matter - J, Voorhis Act, Registration Act investigation concerning Andrew Campbell, with aliases; Allen Zoll, with aliases; American Patriots Incorporated. At that time he gave his name as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and stated that he was born [REDACTED] at San Francisco, California. He stated that he received an [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] and later received a [REDACTED] degree from [REDACTED]. At the time of the interview, he was [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] with offices at the [REDACTED] New York City. He was investigated by the Bureau in connection with his use of the name [REDACTED] while he was editing a pamphlet entitled [REDACTED] allegedly at the request of [REDACTED]. No prosecutive action was undertaken in connection with the case. It should be noted that [REDACTED] advised the New York Agents that [REDACTED] was a former [REDACTED] who was unfrocked about 1934.

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SANFORD GRIFFITH

This individual was the subject of an Espionage - G investigation by the Bureau in 1940 and again in 1942. He has also been the subject of a Security Matter - C investigation. The following background information was obtained from War Department records during 1942. Sanford Griffith was born February 17, 1893 at Eugene, Oregon. He attended high school and the University of Chicago from 1906 to 1910, Dartmouth University from 1910 to 1911, Bonn School in Germany from 1911 to 1912, University of Chicago from 1912 to 1915 and Ecole des Sciences Politiques, Paris, France, from 1915 to 1917. He obtained a Ph.B. degree from the University of Chicago and a diploma from the school in France.

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Sanford Griffith was known to be President of "Market Analysts, Inc." from 1942 to 1944 which concern was apparently engaged in advertising research work for industrial organizations. During 1942 he was reported to be working as an undercover agent for British Secret Service, to be working with the "Austrian Action," an organization to re-establish Austria and to be associated with the Free French movement, all in a commercial capacity. In 1942 he was

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acting as investigator for the American-Jewish Committee, New York City, and was also reported to be employed by the War Department instructing Army officers on the technique of interrogating German war prisoners.
(65-23555-21)

During 1944 Sanford Griffith was reported to be employed by the Anti-Defamation League as an investigator. (65-23555-49)

RECOMMENDATION

Submitted for your information only. No further action is contemplated.

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Assistant Attorney General
James M. McInerney
Director, FBI

May 2, 1952

SANFORD GRIFFITH
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During the course of another investigation which was conducted by this Bureau information was received indicating that captioned individual, a research consultant in New York City, allegedly performed certain services for the British Government during the past war. Griffith was reported by some sources as having made statements to the effect that this employment was with the British Secret Service. (u)

All available information with regard to these allegations has been incorporated in the report of Special Agent Francis J. Gallant, dated March 10, 1952, at New York City, bearing the subject's name in the caption. A copy of this report is attached. A copy is also being made available to the Department of State.

After reviewing the attachment, you are requested to advise whether Griffith's connections with the British Government during the early 1940's were such as to require his registration under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, Title 22, U. S. Code, Section 611(c)(5).

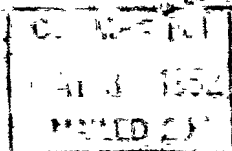
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interview, confirmed that he had been employed by the British in connection with obtaining information concerning radio programs and indicated it was also utilized on behalf of the U. S. Government and the British for propaganda purposes in Nazi-occupied countries.

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DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY

This report is predicated upon information furnished by Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, who advised in a report dated December 26, 1941 that he had received information from Confidential Informant T-2, who is considered reliable by T-1, that SANFORD GRIFFITH had been very indiscreet about boasting all over New York about his alleged connections with the British Secret Service. (S) (u)

T-1 has also advised in a report of October 20, 1941 that he had received information from Confidential Informant T-3, of unknown reliability, that SANFORD GRIFFITH claimed to work closely with British Secret Service in the United States. (S) (u)

Personal History and Background

The following personal history concerning SANFORD GRIFFITH was obtained in the 1945 edition of "Who's Who in America":

It is stated that GRIFFITH is an economist who was born February 17, 1893 at Eugene, Oregon. His parents were ROBERT RASE GRIFFITH and JOSEPHINE C. GRIFFITH. He was educated at the University High School in Chicago from which he was graduated in 1910. He was a student at Dartmouth University and received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago in 1915. He was graduated from the Ecole des Sciences Politiques, Paris, in 1917. On May 14, 1924 he married LATHARINE BEACH BENNETT, who died on December 27, 1934. He has three children, SANFORD DAY, PETER and BRENDA GRIFFITH. (S) (u)

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He was commissioned a Major in the Infantry of the United States Army in 1917 and was with the General Staff in France later as liaison officer with the VI French Army and as head of the Sub-section Staff, First Army of the United States. He was a member of the Armistice Commission.

He has been a lecturer on politics and economics and was a correspondent for the "New York Herald" in Rome and later in Berlin from 1920 to 1923. He has also been European representative and correspondent for the "Wall Street Journal" and other Dow Jones and Company publications from 1923 to 1927. He has engaged in underwritings, brokerage and industrial re-organizations in New York from 1930 to 1937.

He was director of consumer research projects for the Miller Franklin Company in 1938. He is president of American Analysts, Inc., a political and economic research organization. He is also a director of the Haytian Corporation of America.

GRIFFITH'S home is reported to be at Huntington, Long Island, New York, and he maintains an office at 8 West 40 Street, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, made available the following information pertaining to SANFORD GRIFFITH as of November 10, 1942. This source made available a record which reflects that GRIFFITH on July 13, 1942 was recommended to be appointed as an expert consultant at \$25.00 per diem in connection with the preparation of a course of study as an instructor in the first class of interrogation of prisoners of war, commencing July 25, 1942 at Military Intelligence Center, Camp Ritchie, Maryland. It was also reflected that GRIFFITH was appointed as of July 14, 1942 as an expert consultant in the office of the Chief of Staff, War Department, under Section 8 of the Military Appropriations Act of 1943.

This record further set out information concerning GRIFFITH'S personal history. It was set forth that he was born February 16, 1893 at Eugene, Oregon, and

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his legal residence was at Suffolk County, Huntington, Long Island, and his business address was 8 West 40 Street, New York City. His father's name was given as ROBERT RABE of Columbia, South Carolina, and his mother's name was JOSEPHINE, born at Rochester, New York. GRIFFITH's wife's maiden name was NATE and she was born at Hartford, Connecticut. He is the father of two sons and one daughter.

At the time of this report he was a widower. This record stated that no members of the GRIFFITH family were employed in the United States Government and that he had no arrest record or record of forced resignations. It was set forth that he served as a Major in the Infantry from August, 1917 to July, 1919.

It was further stated that GRIFFITH translated readily French, German, Spanish and Italian and speaks French fluently, in addition to German and Italian. The following is GRIFFITH's employment record:

From 1920 to 1923 he was employed by the "New York Herald" as a correspondent at Berlin and Rome.

From 1923 to 1928 he was employed by the "Wall Street Journal", 20 Broad Street, New York City, as manager of the London Office and correspondent.

From 1928 to 1930 he was employed by Dillon, Read and Company, New York City, duties described as foreign loans. His salary was from \$17,500.00 to \$19,500.00 per annum.

From 1930 to 1932 he was associated with Otis and Company, 120 Broadway, New York City, and he was engaged in research duties. His salary ranged from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 per year.

From 1932 to 1934 he was associated with Stokes Hoyt and Company, 1 Wall Street, with a status of partner. His salary was from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per year.

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From 1934 to 1937 he was employed by Thomas and Griffith, 120 Broadway, at a salary of \$6,000.00 to \$27,000.00 per year and with a status of partner.

From 1937 to 1942 he was employed by Market Analysts, Inc., 8 West 40 Street, New York City, as president and manager at a salary of \$5,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year and at the time of the report, he still maintained that position.

GRIFFITH indicated that he was a member of the Downtown Athletic Club, Brooklyn, New York, and denied membership in any Communist or Nazi organization, or any organization advocating the overthrow of the Constitutional Form of Government of the United States.

GRIFFITH listed the following individuals as having knowledge of his character, experience and ability:

ROY ~~DICKINSON~~, publisher of "Printers Ink", who was at that time a Colonel in the United States Army

ARTHUR E. ~~BESTOR~~ of Chautauqua, New York

EDWARD ~~FISCHER BROWN~~ of the Milk Research Council, 220 East 40 Street, New York City

CHARLES ~~LOCKWOOD~~, treasurer of the Electrol Company, 1 Wall Street, New York City

GLEN or ALLEN ~~MUNN~~ of the Payne-Webber Company, 25 Broad Street, New York City

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, on April 12, 1943 advised that GRIFFITH, at that time, was not personally employed in any capacity with the Military Intelligence Service, United States Army, although for a short period he had been employed by the War Department in connection with Military Intelligence School, Camp Ritchie, Maryland. This source further advised that GRIFFITH has no authority whatsoever to procure information for the War Department.

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Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, made available a record pertaining to SANFORD GRIFFITH which contained the following information:

Concerning Market Analysts, Inc., 347 Madison Avenue, Room 1208, New York City, it was set out that this concern dealt with research matters and acted as export agents. The report of this information is dated December 16, 1939. The officers of this organization are given as:

SANFORD GRIFFITH, President

L. ROHE WALTER, Vice President

RICHARD EADENBERG, Secretary-Treasurer

This firm was chartered under the laws of New York State on October 24, 1938 with a capital of \$11,000.00.

Concerning SANFORD GRIFFITH, it is stated that he was born in the United States and was 46 years of age at the date of that report and that he was formerly foreign correspondent for the "New York Herald" newspaper in Rome, Italy, and Berlin, Germany. He was also correspondent for the "Wall Street Journal" in London, England and was employed by Dillon Read and Company and Otis Company, stockbrokers in New York City.

In 1931 GRIFFITH was a member of the firm Stocks, Hoyt and Company, Brokers, 1 Wall Street, New York City. From 1933 to 1938 he was a partner in the firm of Story, Thomas and Griffith, 120 Broadway, New York City. This latter firm discontinued operations in 1938 after the New York Stock Exchange suspended its operation for peddling customers' securities for its own account and for other violations of the Exchange Rule.

[redacted] members of the firm, were both suspended by the governing Committee because of the above acts, which acts were attributed directly to SANFORD GRIFFITH. [redacted] and

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[] were declared to be innocent of any guilty knowledge of violations charged but were held responsible under the constitution.

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Regarding the firm of THOMAS and GRIFFITH, Stockbrokers, 120 Broadway, New York City, this source advised that GRIFFITH was admitted as a general partner in 1936. Prior to that time the firm had been in operation for four years and upon GRIFFITH'S entry, [] who was a general partner, terminated her connection with the firm.

At the Credit Bureau of Greater New York information is set forth that SANFORD GRIFFITH resided at Conklin Lane, Huntington, Long Island, and had resided there since 1930; that he was divorced from his wife, whose maiden name was KATE BEECH BENNETT.

According to a clipping of the "New York Times" dated September 15, 1934, GRIFFITH was divorced at Reno, Nevada. It was also reported in this article that the marriage ceremony had been performed in London, England, on April 14, 1924 and that three children had been born as a result of this marriage. It was also reported that GRIFFITH served as a Major during World War I and acted as a member of the Armistice Committee.

SANFORD GRIFFITH on November 19, 1951 advised the writer that he is presently engaged as a freelance political researcher and maintains office space at 8 West 40 Street, New York City, which was formerly utilized by him when he was operating the research organization, Market Analysts, Inc.

GRIFFITH presently resides care of ANNE HULL at 96 Grove Street, New York City.

Information Concerning Activities of GRIFFITH

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on December 26, 1941 that he had received information from Confidential Informant T-2 that SANFORD GRIFFITH had been very indiscreet about boasting his alleged connections with the British Secret Service, and it was indicated by T-2 that he was receiving money for such services. (S)(u)

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Confidential Informant T-1 also has advised in a report dated October 20, 1941 concerning SANFORD GRIFFITH that Confidential Informant T-3 informed him that [redacted] ORD GRIFFITH had made disparaging statements concerning [redacted] around New York City. T-3 advised T-1 that GRIFFITH claimed to work closely with the British Secret Service in the United States and that the British were aware of T-1's activities. T-3 stated that [redacted] claimed to have this information concerning [redacted] of the [redacted] in the United States. (S)(u)

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On May 16, 1942, Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that information had been received through a confidential source that SANFORD GRIFFITH, whose business was known as Market Analysts, Inc., was "information man" for the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies and that this committee occupied the entire floor on which GRIFFITH'S office was located at 8 West 40 Street, New York City.

This source further determined that [redacted]

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(u) [redacted] New York City, stated that GRIFFITH was a [redacted] British agent in charge of propaganda work and was probably the best-informed man on the question of collateral matters relating to subversive activities in the United States with a fund of information at his disposal.

On September 12, 1941, SAS [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed one [redacted] concerning an allegation that [redacted] himself as a representative of [redacted] office, who was identified as the coordinator between the FBI and the Intelligence Bureau at Washington, D. C. [redacted] was alleged to have passed himself off as a [redacted] office in connection with inquiries made on [redacted] New Jersey.

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In the course of this interview [redacted] stated that he had been conducting inquiries on [redacted] at Jersey City, and his statements as to what actions taken on the information acquired by him may have been misinterpreted.

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[redacted] stated that he had never represented himself as [redacted] office and that he has never worked for the Federal Government other than having worked briefly for [redacted]. He advised that he [redacted] SANFORD GRIFFITH who is in charge of a firm known as Market Analysts, Inc., 8 West 40 Street, New York City.

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It was [redacted] understanding that SANFORD GRIFFITH cooperates with Colonel DONOVAN'S office. He explained that the reason he believes that GRIFFITH cooperates with DONOVAN'S office is that recently he had been furnished with the telephone number of DONOVAN'S office which, he stated, is Murrayhill 3-4121, and had been advised that [redacted] was in charge there. The interviewing agents ascertained that this telephone listing is for the Office of Coordinator of Information, and that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that GRIFFITH [redacted] cooperate with all government agencies which came to him for information and added that [redacted] with the Maritime Commission, Military Intelligence. He stated that he would be glad to cooperate with the FBI but had not been requested for information.

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[redacted] explaining the nature of GRIFFITH'S organization. [redacted] remarked that [redacted] he stated that [redacted] reports to GRIFFITH and it is his understanding that it is then forwarded to shortwave radio station WRUL in Boston, Massachusetts, where it is edited and broadcast. [redacted] explained that [redacted] leaving the country by ship and particularly mentioned that [redacted] Jersey City, New Jersey.

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On September 13, 1941, Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that it had been ascertained from a [redacted]

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On September 19, 1941, Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, determined that [redacted] referred to above, was half right in stating that information [redacted] being furnished to Colonel DONOVAN'S office. Also, that GRIFFITH, [redacted] had been employed by the British to obtain information principally of a radio-type concerning reception of radio programs and listening stations of such programs on propaganda matters. It was also ascertained by this source that some of the information obtained [redacted] GRIFFITH had been forwarded to Colonel DONOVAN'S New York office.

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In the course of an interview with GRIFFITH concerning another matter, GRIFFITH advised that prior to World War II, in approximately 1940 or 1941, he did some work for the British in connection with radio broadcasts to Nazi-occupied countries. He intimated that he assisted both the British and the United States Governments in preparing propaganda to be transmitted via radio and other means to these countries. He was unable to recall the identity of the organization for which he did this work on behalf of both the British and the United States Governments.

GRIFFITH did state, however, that the organization was similar to the Office of War Information which operated during World War II.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS

T-1 Former Confidential Informant
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T-2 [redacted] Office of
[redacted] referred
to in the report of [redacted] (u)
dated December 26, 1941. b7D

T-3 [redacted]

T-4 War Department records set forth
in Washington Field office report
dated December 3, 1942 re
"SANFORD GRIFFITH; ESPIONAGE -G".

T-5 Confidential Source A, Military
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T-6 (u) Confidential Source NYC 1.

T-7 Information supplied by
[redacted] Office of b6
Naval Intelligence, New York b7C
City, as obtained from a
Confidential Informant.

T-8 Information furnished to former
SAC B. E. SACKETT, as set forth
in his memorandum dated
September 13, 1941.

T-9 Information developed on
September 19, 1941, weekly intelli-
gence conference of Office of
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reflected in New York report of

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October 13, 1941 by SA [redacted]
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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York of November 23, 1951
in the case entitled, "ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
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SAC, New York (65-4098)

June 24, 1952

Director, FBI (65-23555) -57

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SANFORD GRIFFITH EX-140
INTERNAL SECURITY - GB
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to the closing report in captioned matter prepared by Special Agent Francis J. Gallant dated March 10, 1952, at New York City.

A copy of rerep was made available to Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, on May 2, 1952. At the same time Mr. McInerney was requested to advise whether Sanford Griffith's connections with the British Government during the early 1940's were such as to require his registration under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, Title 22, U.S. Code, Section 611 (c) (5).

Mr. McInerney's reply in this matter was dated June 5, 1952. Two copies of this reply are attached. You will note that Mr. McInerney has stated that Griffith's registration is not warranted at this time. In the event that additional information is received indicating that Griffith falls within the purview of Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950, Mr. McInerney desires to re-examine this case in the light of such information.

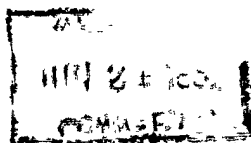
In view of Mr. McInerney's opinion, this case has been closed at the Seat of Government. If any additional information of the nature described by Mr. McInerney comes to your attention, it should be forwarded to the Bureau immediately in order that it may be made available to the Criminal Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: SANFORD GRIFFITH
REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: March 4, 1953

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In accordance with information furnished to you by Mr. Clegg, I called ASAC Fletcher, WFO, on March 4. I informed Fletcher that Senator Dirksen has advised that one [] who is temporarily at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, reportedly has information regarding the subject, whose address is 8 West 40th Street, NYC, and who is allegedly a representative for an unnamed foreign government and may not have registered. Fletcher was instructed to have an Agent contact [] and obtain from him any information which he possesses concerning Sanford Griffith which would indicate a violation of any Federal statute within our jurisdiction. I informed Fletcher that in the event Senator Dirksen's office can get in touch with [] they will request [] to contact Mr. Fletcher.

ACTION:

For your information. You will be advised of the results of this inquiry.

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NOTE: Instant investigation based on information received from Senator
Dirksen's Office, who received information from [redacted] of New York that
captioned individual has been working for French and Saar Governments as a
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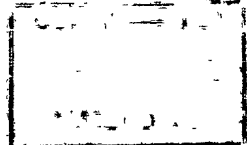
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Rebulet to NY dated 4/27/53 in case entitled "SANFORD GRIFFITH,
REGISTRATION ACT".

Rebulet to NY dated 4/30/53 in instant case.

In relet of 4/27/53, permission was denied for interview with
[redacted] concerning SANFORD GRIFFITH. In relet of 4/30/53 permission
was granted to interview [redacted]

It is believed that in interviewing [redacted] information of value
may be developed concerning [redacted] connections with the Anti-Defamation
League and SANFORD GRIFFITH. The Bureau is requested to advise this office
if it desires that any limitation be placed on the interview of [redacted]
insofar as GRIFFITH is concerned.

It is contemplated that the interview of [redacted] will be handled
in the most discreet manner, keeping in mind existing Bureau regulations
relating to interviews with security subjects. This interview will be held
in abeyance pending further instructions from the Bureau relative to this
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To Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

May 4, 1953

from Director, FBI

cc - Mr. Belmont

CAMPBELL GRIFFITH
REGISTRATION ACT

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be submitted to Bureau on
6/5/53. Rpt. dictated 5/29/53.
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Reference is made to a memorandum dated June 5, 1952, to this Bureau from Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney, your reference JMM:EF:TAD:jkg 146-NM, reflecting that if any additional information is received indicating the subject falls within the purview of Section 20 (a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950, this matter will be re-examined in the light of such information.

Attached is one copy of each of the following:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 19, 1953, at Washington, D. C.

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Report of Special Agent Willard A. Cortner dated April 7, 1953, at New York.

You will note that these reports contain information concerning the activities of the subject and the allegation that he is working for the French and Saar Governments as a foreign agent and is not registered as such.

Our investigation of this allegation is continuing and we will furnish you the pertinent information we obtain. These data have also been furnished the Department of State.

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to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

July 1, 1953

from Director, FBI

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**SANFORD GRIFFITH
REGISTRATION ACT**

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 20, 1953, your reference 146-1-61-189, in captioned matter.

Attached hereto is a copy of the report of Special Agent Willard A. Gortner dated June 9, 1953, at New York.

The Department of State has been furnished a copy of the attached report.

Our investigation of the subject is continuing and you will be furnished the pertinent information we develop.

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(Note: Referenced Department of Justice memo indicated that the subject is acting within the U.S. as an agent of a foreign principal as that term is defined by Section 1(c) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938; as amended, but the information developed to date in the investigation was insufficient to warrant solicitation of the subject's registration and it was requested that the Bureau's investigation be continued in an effort to substantiate the allegation made by [redacted] on May 5, 1953, that the subject has been representing the French and the Saar Governments.

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While you were previously authorized to inter-
view [redacted] in connection with captioned matter,
the Bureau now feels that [redacted]

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For your confidential information, [redacted]

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Your office is instructed to submit the
results of your investigation in captioned matter to
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont *AB*
 FROM : W. A. Branigan *WB*
 SUBJECT: SANFORD GRIFFITH
 REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: July 16, 1953

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Bureau presently investigating subject in a Registration Act case. *New York City*, advised 3/5/53, that subject is an agent of the French and Saar Governments and is not registered as such with the Department of Justice.

Captioned subject, born 2/17/93, Eugene, Oregon, resides at 96 Grove Street, New York City, is manager of Research Survey Incorporated, is an economist, writer, and public relations man, and maintains offices at 8 West 40th Street, New York City.

An informal review by liaison of the last two income tax returns filed by the subject should reveal whether or not he is receiving money from the French and Saar Governments and would provide investigation leads sufficient to prove the scope of his activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be routed to liaison who should examine subject's last two income tax returns to ascertain all of these sources of his income during the period covered by these two returns.

FVH:sjr *sjr*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File 65-23555)

DATE:

2/5/54

FROM :

SAC, New York (File 97-1284)

SUBJECT:

Sanford Griffith
Registration Act

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline:

2/12/54

Reason for the delinquency:

Case was dictated
2/9/54 and ~~is~~ report is now in process of
being typed.Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau:

2/18/54

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SANFORD GRIFFITH
REGISTRATION ACT

Reurlet February 18, 1954, requesting Bureau permission to interview the following individuals concerning the subject:

[Redacted box]

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Bureau permission for interview of the foregoing individuals is granted providing no information in your possession militates against such interviews. The interview with [redacted] should be conducted in accordance with existing instructions regarding interviews with subjects of security cases.

Surep suitable for dissemination.

FVH:sjr
cc: Mr. Nichols (information)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] American citizen, [redacted] alleged Griffith is representing the French and Saar Governments and is not registered as a foreign agent. Considerable investigation failed to substantiate allegation although Griffith has [redacted] the French Consulate, New York City, [redacted]

[redacted] who probably will be able to substantiate or disprove the allegation against the subject. A review of Bufiles reflects no derogatory information on [redacted] has been the subject of a Security Matter - an investigation, is reportedly a Communist Party member, and is psychoneurotic. Investigation closed July, 1952. She reportedly possesses information directly pertinent to the allegation in this case and an interview with her, intelligently conducted, if she is cooperative, would reveal desired pertinent information. On the other hand nothing would appear to be lost if she is uncooperative. Native language interviews unnecessary to bring this case to a logical conclusion.

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Above applies, with the exception, of those names checked in blue ink on right-hand margin, original pages.

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